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Hawkins's Hist. of Music Vol. III. p. 259.

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Vol. I. a
The Actes of

the Apostles, translated in-
to Englyshe Metre, and de-
dicated to the Kynges moste excel-
lent Maiesste, by Christofer Tye,
Doctor in Musyke, and one of the
Gentylmen of hys graces moste ho-
nourable Chappell, wyth notes to
eche Chapter, to synge and also to
play vpon the Lute, very necessarie
for studentes after theyr studye,

to fyle theyr wyttes, and also

for all Christians that

cannot synge, to

reade

the good and Godlye sto-

ries of the lyues of

Christ hys Ap-

postles.

John Dylson
1553

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Syrack. XXXII.

If God to rule, do thee elect
Pryde not thy selfe therein
As one of thyne, be in effect
Thy people so to wyne.

Let care for them, be thy repast
That wysedome be their choyse
And when thy dutye, done thou hast
Syt downe wjth them reioyce.

Of honour then, receyue the crowne
In wysedome to excell
For wisdom, wynneth great renowne
Whych doth become thee well.

Hynder not Musyke.

To the Vertuous and
Godlye learned Prynce, Edwarde
the. vi. by the grace of God, King of Eng-
lande, Fraunce, and Irelande, Defendour
of the Fayth, and on earth next and imme-
diatly vnder Christe, of the Churches of
England and Irelande the Supreme head,
your graces humble. louynge, and obedi-
ent seruaunte Christofer Tyc, wysheth the
continuance of God bys seare to dwell
in your graces heart, longe to raygne
in muche honoure, healthe,
wealt he and vic-
torie.



Onsydrynge well,
most godly Kyng
The zeale and per-
fecte loue:
Your grace both beare,
to eche good thyng
That geuen is from
aboue.

And that your grace, oft tymes both looke
To learne of the last page:
The whiche ye fynde, with in gods booke
That wpll not passe awaye.

All.

whose

The Preface.

Whose booke is geuen, in these your dayes
Wherin ye do reioyce:
And eke prayse hym, in al his wayes
And that with thankesful voyce.

Which doth make glad, your subiectes all
And moueth them to learne:
Gods lyuelie worde, and how they shal
The truthe thereby discerne.

Beholde O Kynge, of God electe
And ye shall right well se:
That as your highnes, is affect
So wyll your subiectes be.

Your grace may note, fro tyme to tyme
That some doth vnder take:
Vpon the Psalmes, to wyte in tyme
The verse pleasaunt to make.

And some doth take, in hande to wyte
Out of the booke of Kinges:
Because they se, your grace deelyte
In suche like Godlye thynges.

And last of all, I your pooze man
Whose doinges are full base:
Yet glad to do, the best I can
To geue vnto your grace

The Preface.

Haue thought it good, now to rewyte
The stozes of the Actes:
Euen of the twelue, as Luke doth wyte
Of all their worthy factes.

Vnto the text, I do not ad
Nor nothyng take awaye
And though my style, be grosse and bad
The truthe perceyue you maye.

Your Maiestye, is not to teache
The apostles wordes are playne:
With ynkyorne termes, they dyd not preache
But sought an easie waye. (the

Playnely to speake, their maisters wyll
The people to instruct:
That they their callinge, myght fulfill
In truthe them to conduct.

Prayinge your grace, not to thynke now
That I do condescende:
The pleasaunt style, to disallow
But do it much commende.

But he that shal, of scripture treat
If he wyll please God well:
Of force he must, such termes forgeat
The truthe playnely to tell.

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my

The Preface.

My Ignorance, thus to excuse
I haue my mynde exprest:
I trust your grace, wyl not refuse
To make of it the best.

And yf your grace, shall in good part
My symple worke so take:
My wyttes to this, I will conuert
All vayne thinges to forsake.

My callinge is, another waye
Your grace shall here in fynde:
By notes set forth, to synge or playe
To recreate the mynde.

And though they be, not curious
But for the letter mete:
Ye shall them fynde, harmonious
And eke pleasaunt and swete.

That such good thynges, your grace might
Your lute when ye assaye: (moue
In stede of songes, of wanton loue
These stozies then to playe.

So shall your grace, please God & Lorde
In walkynge in hys waye:
His lawes and statutes, to recorde
In your heart nyght and daye.

And

The Preface.

And eke your realme, shall dozythe styl
No good thyng shall decaye:
Your subiectes shal, with right good wyl
These wordes recorde and saye.

Thy lyfe O Kynge, to vs doth shyne
As Gods booke doth thee teache:
Thou dost vs fede, with suche doctrine
As Christes elect dyd preache.

The lynyng God, graunt thee to raygne
In great honour and wealth:
Thy vertuous life, good Lord mayntayne
And sende thee prosperous health.

Thy dere Syffers, the spzite them leade
To loue the worde of God:
Whiche shall them stande, in better steade
Then doth their whole liuelod.

Thy whole counsaile, the Lorde preserve
And graunt to man and wyfe:
To craue of hym, not ones, to swarue
From hys swete worde of lyfe. Amen.

CHRIST dyd ascende, vp in to heauen
As ye shall after reade:
Mathias vvas, of the eleuen
Electe in Iudas steade.

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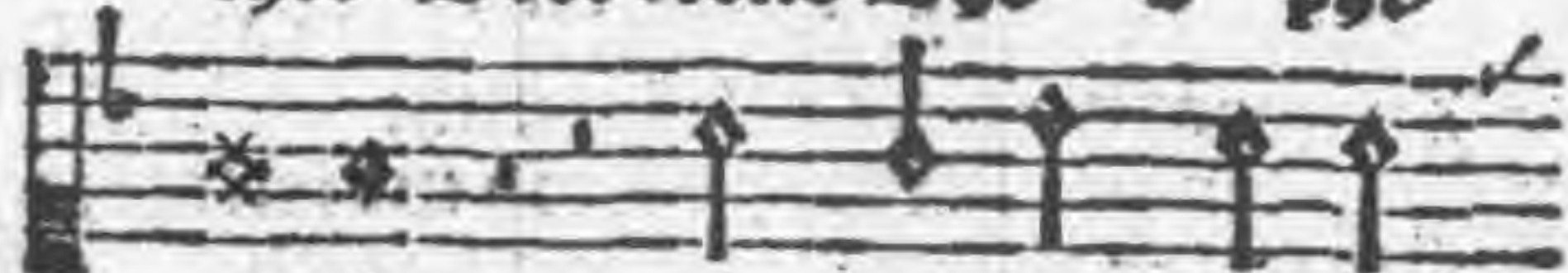
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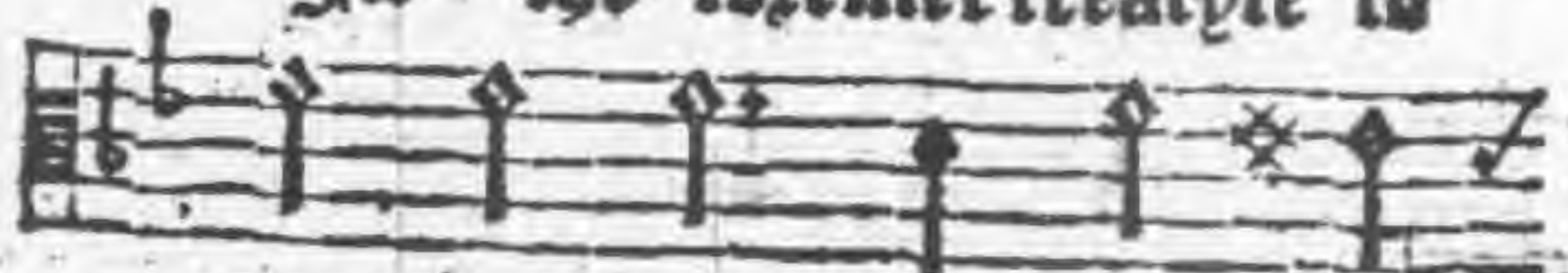


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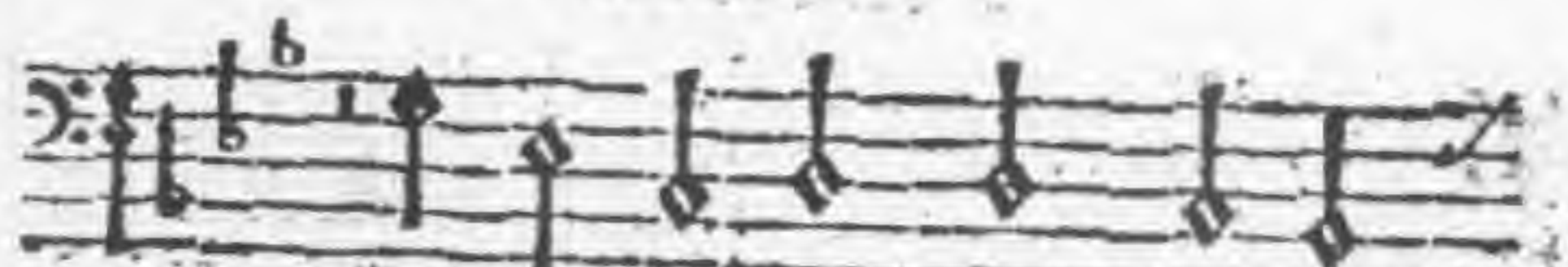
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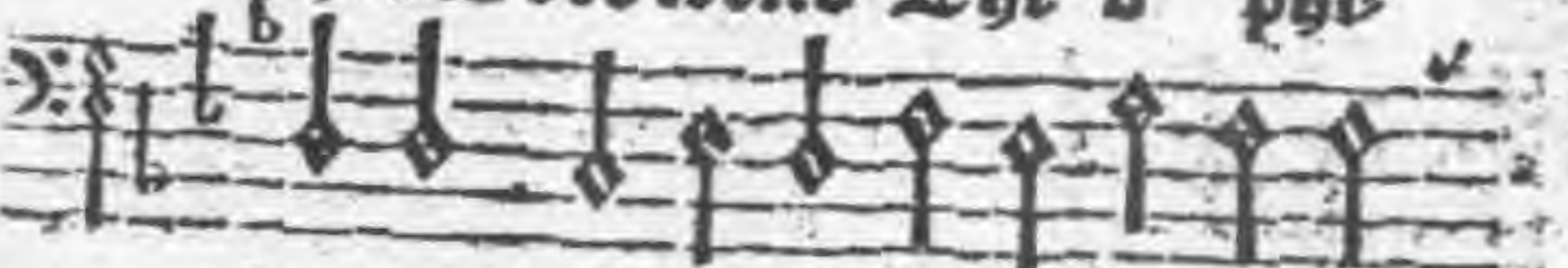
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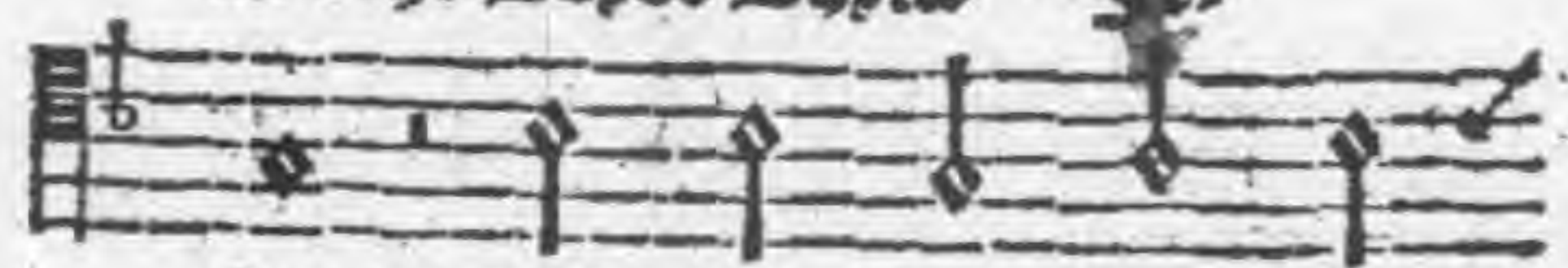
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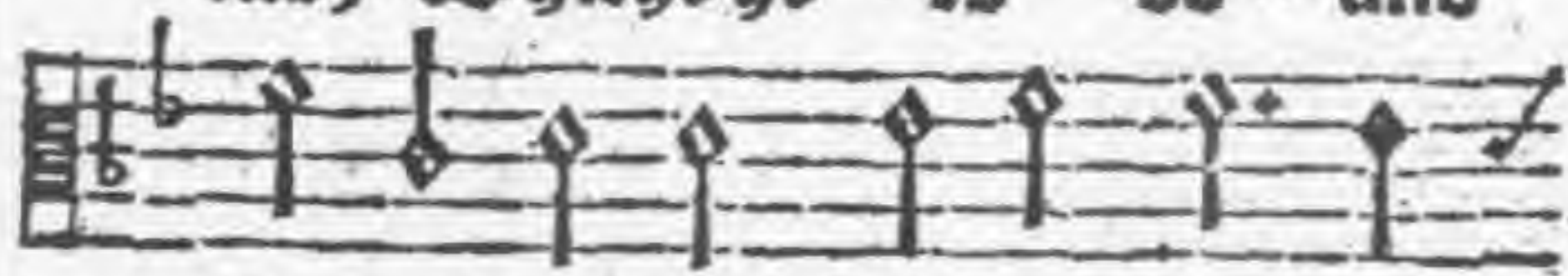
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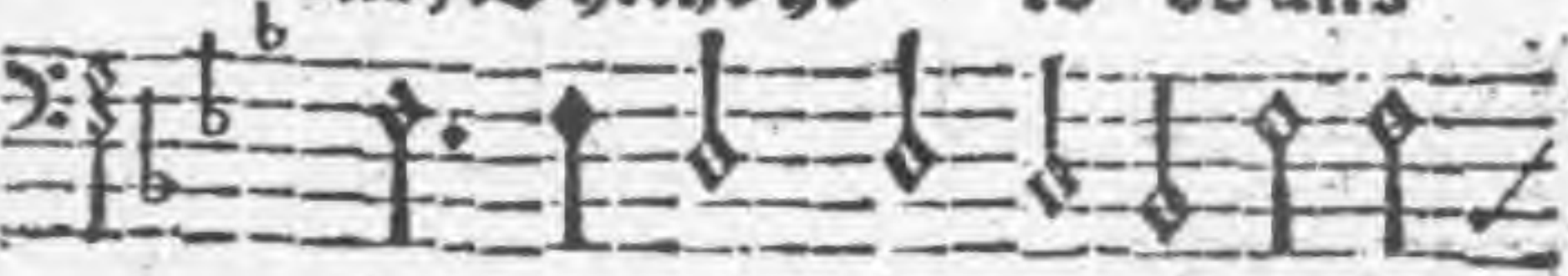
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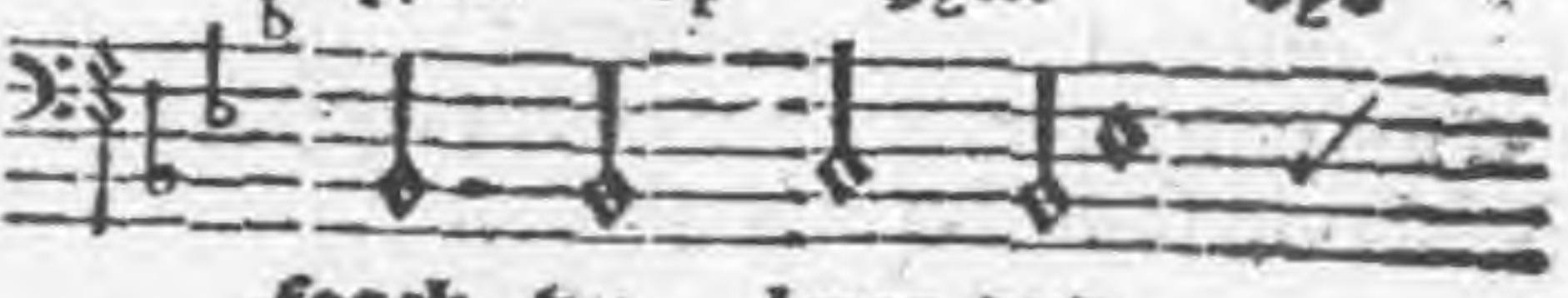


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In the former treatise to thee
Deare frende Theophilus:
I haue written, the verite
Of the Lorde Christ Jesus.

Whiche he to do, and eke to teache
Began vntill the daye:
In whiche the spzite, by dyd hym teache
To dwell aboue for aye.

After that he, had power to do
Euen by the holy ghost:
Commandementes, then he gaue vnto
His chosen least and moost.

To whome also, him selfe dyd shew
From death thus to reuue:
By tokens playne, vnto his few
Euen fortye dayes aloue.

Speaking of Gods, kyngdom w heart
Chusynge together them:
Commandynge them, not to depart
From that Ierusalem.

But still to wayte, on the promys
Of hys father the Lorde:
Of whiche ye haue, hearde me oz thys
Vnto you make recozde.

For

The .j. Chapter.

For John with water, dyd baptise
But ye shall baptist be:
Euen with the spzite, that is ryghtwysse
Within fewe dayes trust me.

When they were then, all hym before
They moued hym to tell:
If at that tyme, he woulde restore
The kyngdome to Israell.

He sayde to them, I do recozde
The knowledge is not pouer:
To know the tymes, that God the Lorde
Hath kept in hys owne power.

The holpe ghost, receyue shall ye
Whiche shall teache you to do:
And ye shall all, my wytnes be
Ierusalem vnto.

In all Iurp, and Samarye
To wytnes I you sende:
And preache my worde, that shall carpe
Euen vnto the worldes ende.

When he had sayde, these wordes aloudes,
Whyle they behelde the lyght:
He was vtake, into a cloude
Strayght way out of their syght.

And

The .j. Chapter.

And while they loke, by stood fastly
To heauen as he by went:
Beholde two men, stode there them by
And whyte was their garment.

Whiche sayd ye men, of Galile
Why gale ye by in bayne:
Thys Jesus thus, by take from ye
Shal thus come downe agayne.

Then dyd returne, eche one of them
From Olivet the mounte:
A iorney from, Jerusalem
One Sabboth daye I counte.

When they came to, Jerusalem
A parlare there was byght
Where dyd abyde, eche one of them
That I will nowe recyght.

Peter and James, John and Andrew
Philip and eke Thomas:
Bartymewe James, Symon Mathew:
Judas that James sonne:

These all abode, with one accord
In supplicacion still:
And dyd desyre, of God the Lorde
Thys promysse to fulfill.

The .j. Chapter.

And women that, were vertuous
With them to heauen dyd calle
Besydes the mother, of Jesus
And eke hys byethzen all.

In those dayes Peter, stode by stouthe
Emydys them all trulye:
To bewe the names, which was aboute
An hundreth and twentye.

And sayde ye byethzen, the scripture
Muste nedes fulfilled be:
Whiche David by, the spyrte so pure
Of Judas dyd foresee.

Whiche dyd gide them, that toke Jesus
To hys confusion sure:
Who numbred was, for one of us
In ministracion pure.

And now he hath, possess the grounde
Of great iniquyte:
Dispayre hath driven, hym to confounde
Hys lyfe vpon a tre.

He brast in two, the mydd aboute
Hys bodye was so shattere:
Hys bowels all, they gushed oute
As it is ryght wel knowen.

The dwellers at, Jerusalem
Doth cal the felde thys day:
Acheldama, the which thith them
The blode felde is to say.

The boke of psalmes, doth thus declare
Beholde hys myghty glares
Is. i. Another

The .j. Chapter.

Another shall, even for his share

His byshoppe embrace:

¶ And heretofore of these, the which with vs
Hath bene in companye:

At all suche tymes, as Christ Jesus
Went in and out by.

¶ Even from the first, baptisme of John

Till Christ went by certayne:

To witnes we, must ordayne one

Of Christes rpyng agayne.

¶ And they right soone, appoynted two
Joseph hight Barsabas:

Whose surname was, Justus also

The other Mathias.

¶ They prayde & sayd, thou Lord canst tell
All heartes and them discus:

¶ And they sayd, thou Lord canst tell

Meane.



when that the fyfthe daye was

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whiche of these two, shewe that thou hast
Seven felowshyp with vs.

¶ That one may exercise, the place
Of ministration well:

Thapostle shipp, from whiche Judas
By his transgression fell.

¶ And they gaue forth, their lots to specke
Whiche wrought by power from heauen:

Mathias was, elect in dede

And went with the eleuen.

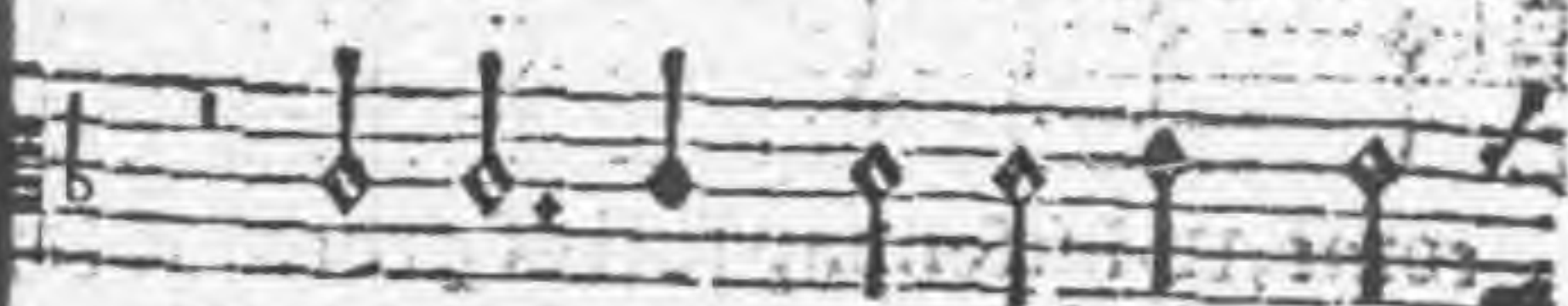
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Peter dyd preache in dede:

Even at Ierusalem, vwhere most

The faythfull dyd encrease.

Countertenor.



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They came together al and



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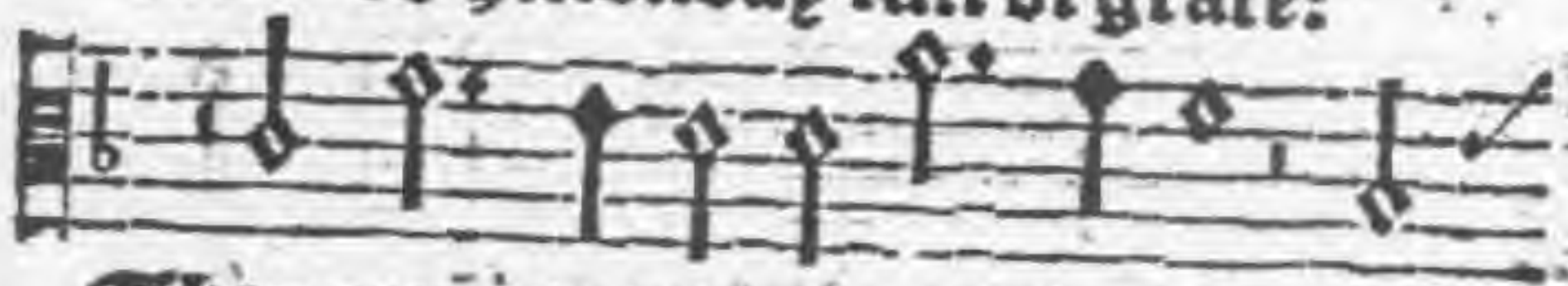
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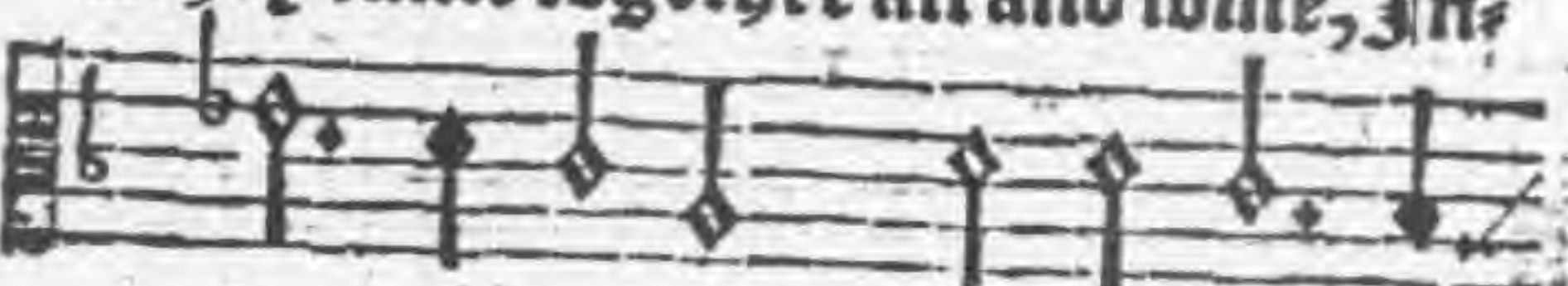
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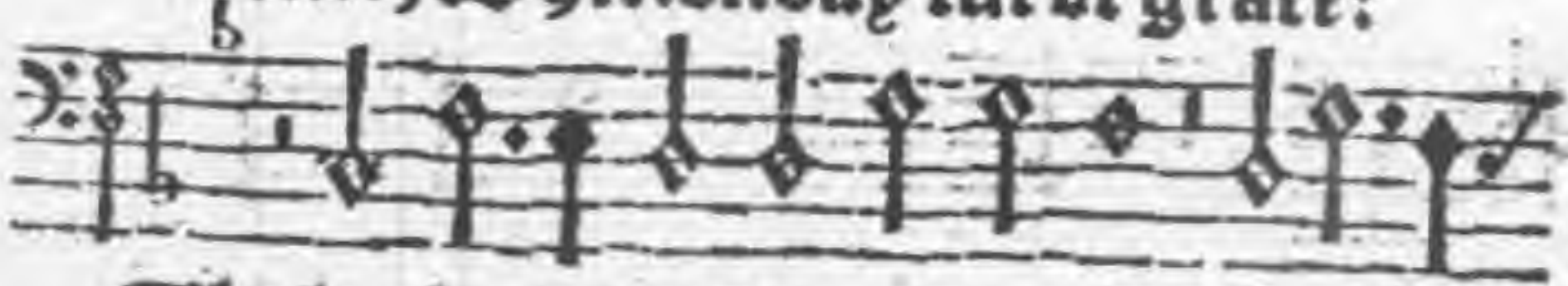


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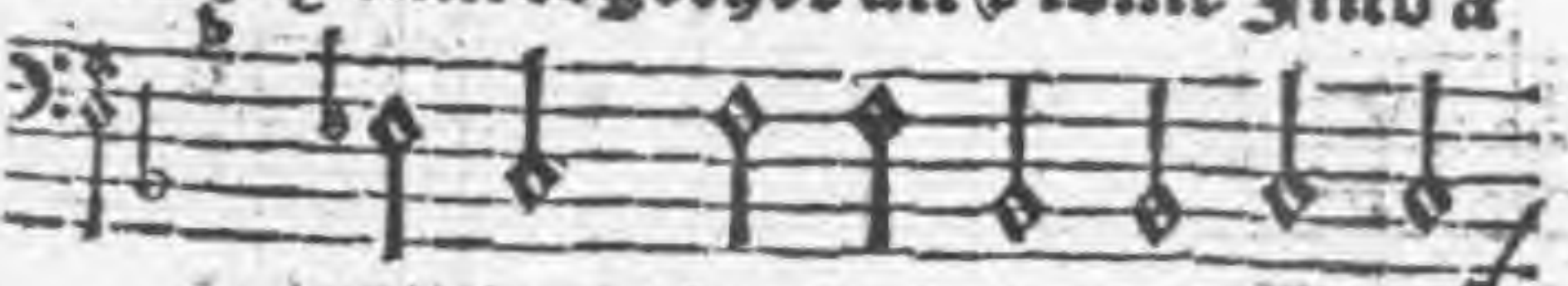
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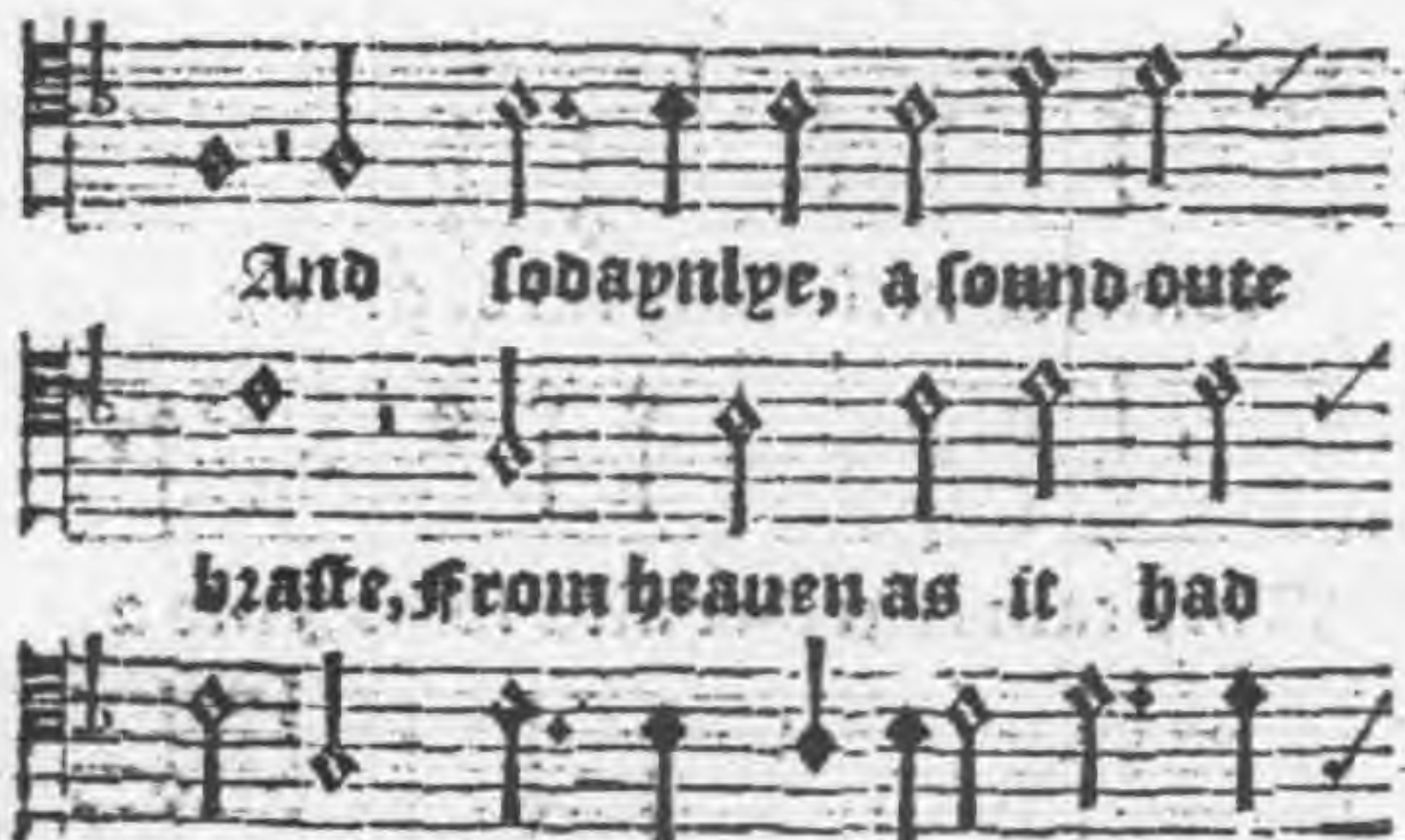


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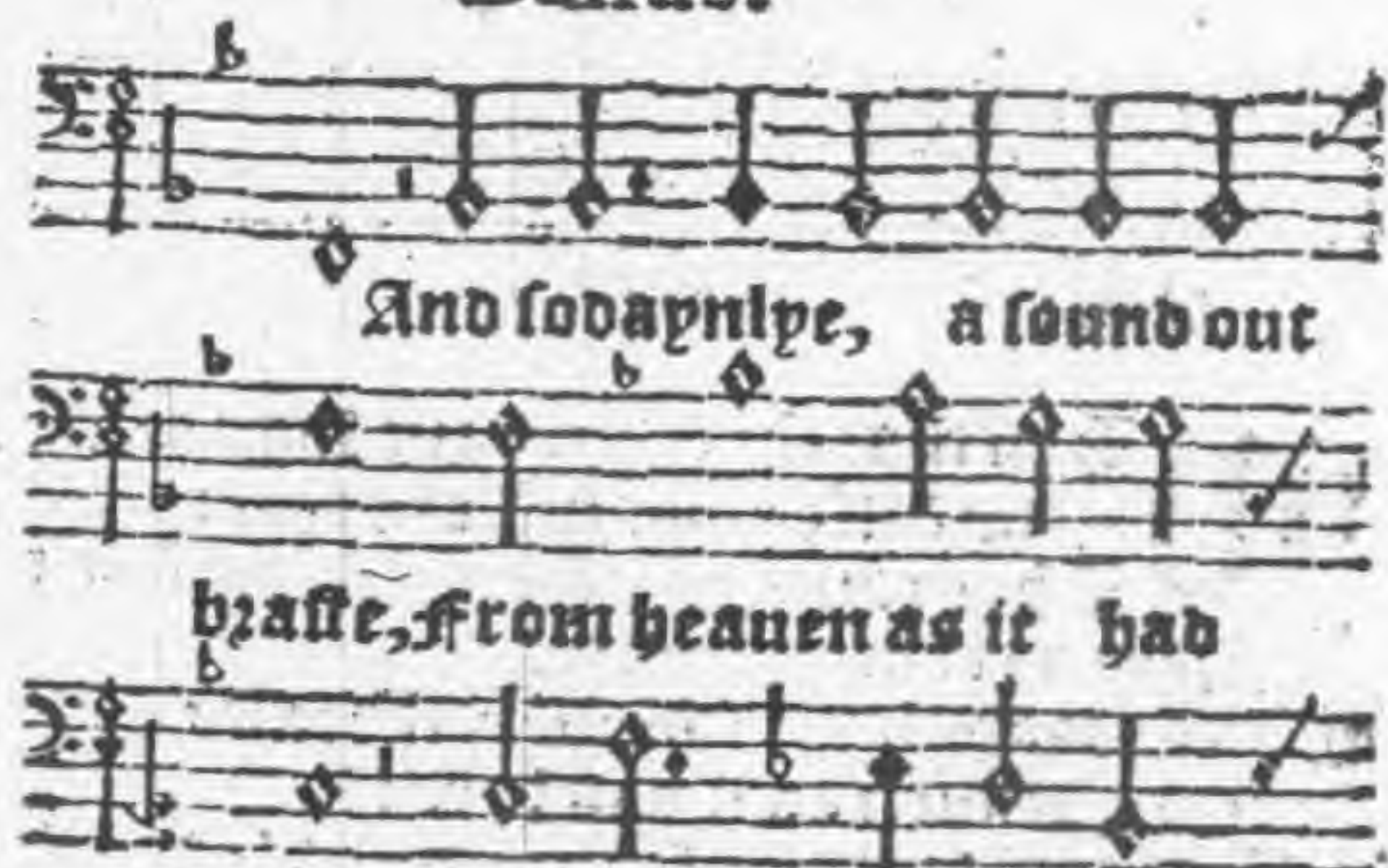


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The commynge of a myghtye
blasse, fylling the house with dene.

Tenor.



dene: dene:

When that the fiftie, daye was come
to thisonday full of grace:
They came together, all and some
In to a certayne place.
And sodaynlye, a sounde out braste
From heauen as it had bene:
The commynge of, a myghty blasse
Fyllinge the house with dene.

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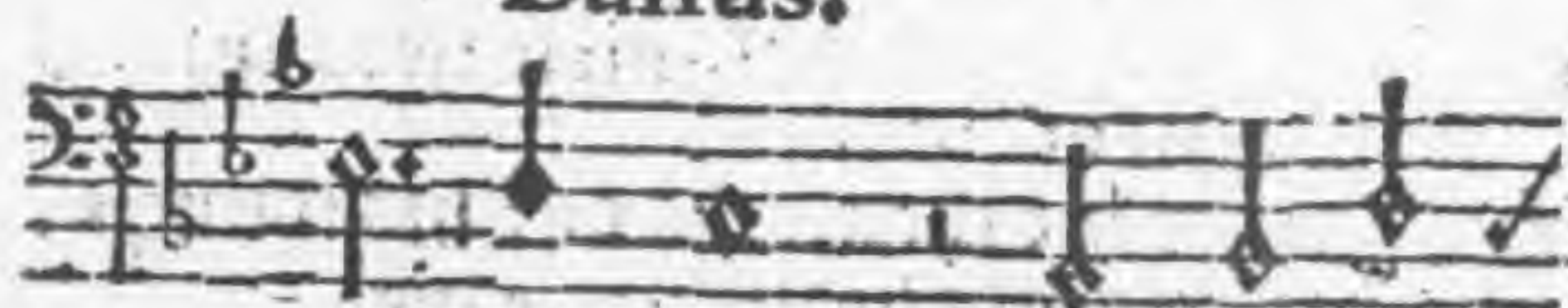
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Bassus.



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Clouen toungez dyd, to them appeare
Lyke as they had bene fyre:
And sat vpon them, enery where
To fyll their desyre.
The holpe ghoſt, dyd them aduance
To toungez ryght wyſe and ſage:
Euen as the ſpirt, gaue vtteraunce
So changed their language.

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And

The.ij. Chapter.

And there dwelt at, Jerusalem
Jewes that feared the Lorde:
Of every contrey, some of them
That came to beare recozde.
Now whā this voyce, came thus to pas
The multitude dyd moze:
They came together, where it was
And were amased soze.
For every one, heard his owne tounge
That he had bled longe:
They wondzed all, bothe olde and younge
And sayde them selues amonge:
Beholde are not, these men new sprong
Euen out of Galile:
How heare we then, eche one his tounge
Wherein right bozne were we.
Parthians, Medes, and Elamites
Mesopotamians:
And men of Turpe, Luke recytes
wāyth Capadocians.
The Pontans, and the Asyans
Phrygi, and Pamphilie
Of Egypt, and the Lybyans
Dwellinge Sirene nere bye.
Straingers of Rome, Iues Proselytes
Arabians sayde thus:
They spake our tounge, which traly byts
Of God the workes wondzus.
They were amased, & soze afrayde
Wondzinge at this straunge syne:

And

The.ij. Chapter.

And other mocked, them and sayde
They are full of newe wyne.
Peter stode vp, the tructh to tell
Straynyng his voyce to them:
Of Iury and, to those that dwell
Euen at Jerusalem.
We thys wel knowne, vnto you all
And with your eares heare saye:
These are not droncke, as ye them call
Thys thyzde houre of the daye.
But this is it, that spoken was
Of the prophet Ioell:
In the last dayes, shall come to pas
Sayth God as I shall tell.
I wyll powze out, sayth God the Lorde
My spyzpte vpon all fleshe:
Your sonnes and, daughters shall recozde
Younge men shall see thynges freshe.
Your olde men shall, dreme dremes al-
On my seruauntes wyll I: (wayes
Powze out my sprite, euen in those dayes
And they shall prophery.
Wonders in heauen, I wyll prouoke
And on the earth great chaunge:
Blode, fire and the, vapoure of smoke
Whiche shal appeare right straunge.
The Sunne shal turne, into darknes
The Moone eke into blood:
Before the daye, of great Iustes
The Lorde shall thynke it good.

And

The. ij. Chapter.

And it shalbe, euen in those dayes
 Who so wyl mercy craue:
 And call vpon, the Lorde alwayes
 Doubtes he wyl hym saue.
The Israelites, be ye not desse
 But heare thys yf ye can:
 The Lorde Iesus, of Nazareth
 Of God approued man.
Amonge you was, miraculus
 Great wonders he dyd shewe:
 God wrought by hym, thinges wonderus
 Emidst of you ye knowe.
Hym haue ye taken, by the handes
 To scourge him with a rod:
 After he was, geuen you in bandes
 By the foresyght of God.
The haue hym crucified, and sayne
 But God agayne him rayled:
 And loosed hym, from deathe and payne
 In him shyl to be prayled.
Because it was, impossible
 To withstande his great myght:
 For Dauid which was, credible
 Dyd prophetic arpyght.
I sawe God alwayes, befoze me
 He is on my ryght hande:
 That I shoulde neuer, moued be
 My heart dyd vnderstande.
Great ioyes my heart, dyd fele in dede
 My tounge was glad also:

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My death dyd lyue, without all drede
 In hope boode of all wo.
Because my soule, to make his mone
 In hell shall not left be:
 Ne yet suffer, the holpe one
 Corruption for to see.
Thou hast of lyfe, shewed me the lyght
 With ioye my heart possesse:
 Euen with, thy countenance so bryght
 My soule is brought to rest.
The men & brethzen, my wordes marke
 Let me speche frely haue:
 Euen of Dauid, the Patriarke
 For he lyeth dead in grate.
And his sepulchre, doth remayne
 With vs vnto thys daye:
 No dout he was, a prophet playne
 And knewe what God dyd saye.
Not onely saye, but also swere
 And in hys othe repeate:
 The frutes of hys, loynes shal prospere
 And syt vpon his seate.
In that Christ in, the death shoulde ryse
 He ryght well sawe befoze:
 And sayde he shoulde, ryse by ryght wise
 And lyue for euermore.
This soule shoulde not, be left in hell
 Dyd death corrupt nought shall:
 God hath hym rayled, by right well
 Wherof we wytnes all.

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Sprynge now that he, by the right hande
 Of God exalted is:
 And by the Lorde, doth vnderstande
 The holy ghostes promys.
Now of his wordes, ye knowe the ende
 As ye may heare and see:
 David to heauen dyd not ascende:
 But truly thus sayde he.
The Lorde vnto, my Lorde dyd saye
 Spt thou on my ryght hande:
 Untyll I make, thy foes to stave
 Thy fote on them to stande.
All Israell, knowe thys certayne
 And therin to persist:
 The same Iesus, whome ye haue sayne
 God hath made Lorde and Christ.
When they hearde this, their hearts did
 And sayde Peter vnto: (fall
 And eke to the, Apostles all
 Brethren what shall we do.
And Peter sayde, to them repent
 And then Baptisme begynne:
 In Christ his name, by whom God sent
 Remission of synne.
 Ye shall receyue, the holy goost
 The promys so dyd fall:
 To you and yours, in every roost
 Such as the Lorde shall call.
The bare witness, of great comforte
 Exhortynge them eche one:

To

The.ij. Chapter.

To save them from, thentowarde soules
 And generation.

They that his preachinge, dyd embrace
 Were baptist euen through out:
 There came to them, that day by grace
 Thre thousande soules about.

They dyd folowe, the apostles loze
 Doctrine and compaignie:
 Breakynge their breade, and euermore
 In prayer certayne helpe.

And eke of every soule the sere
 Of God on them dyd fall:
 Wonders and sygnes, were shewed erbe
 By the apostles all. (where

And such as dyd, beleue Gods wyll
 Together kept in bandes:
 To haue all thynges, in comen styll
 They solde their goodes and landes.

Departynge them, euen in the Lorde
 As every man had neede:
 Beinge daylye, with one accord
 In the temple in dede.

In euery house, the breade to parte
 Their meate to eate aryght:

we say

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weith soft, and singlenes of hearts
Praylynge the God of myght.

They had favour, with every one
The Lorde added right fre:
Unto the congregacion
Suche as shoulde saved be.

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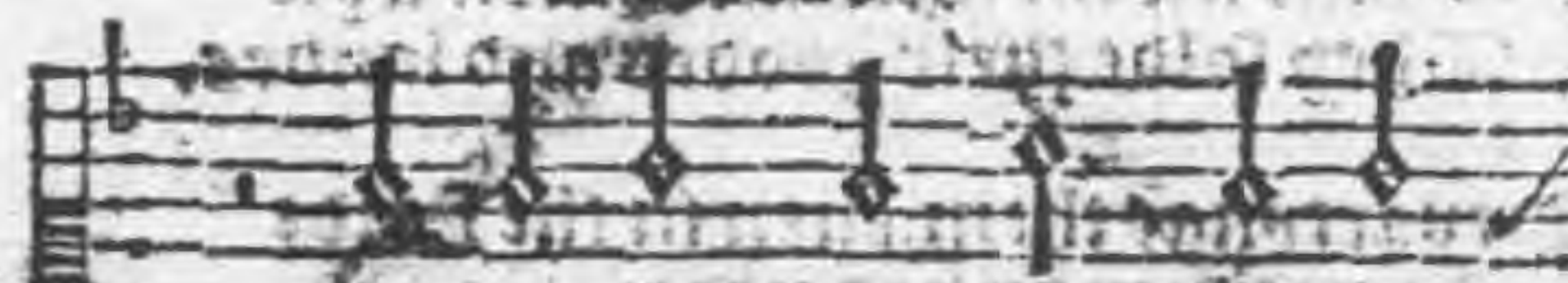
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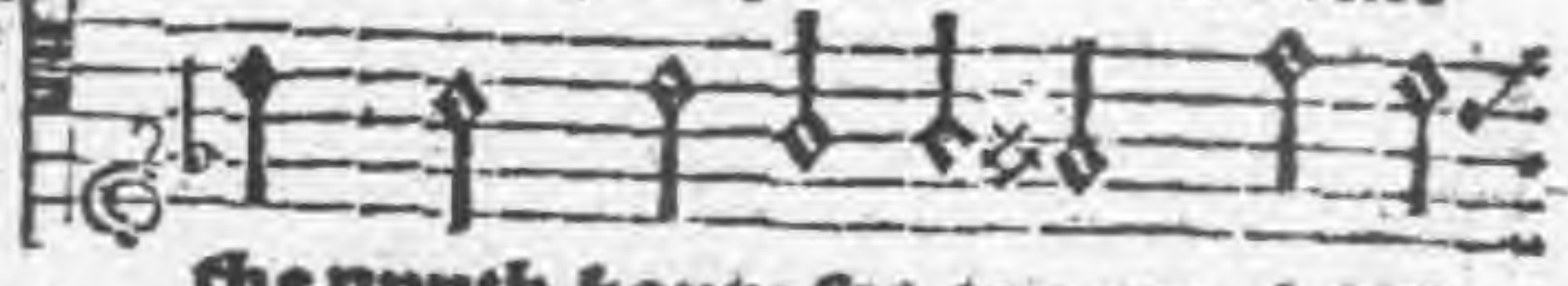
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Euen to hys perfect strength:
And Peter preched, Christ right playne
As yeshall reade at length.

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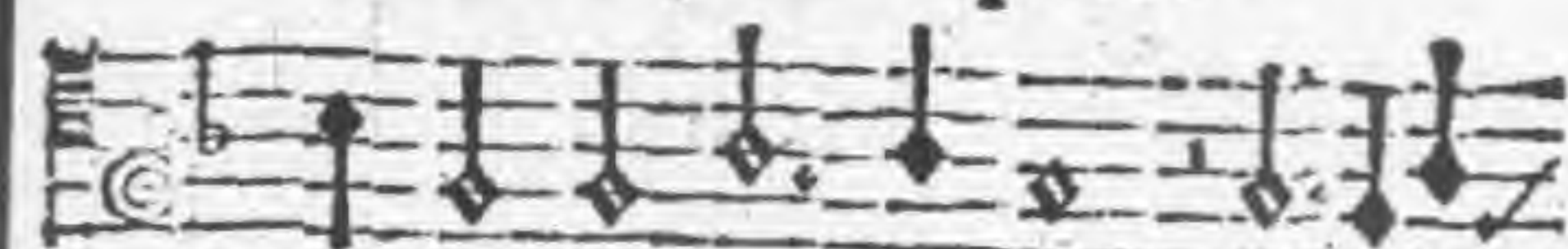


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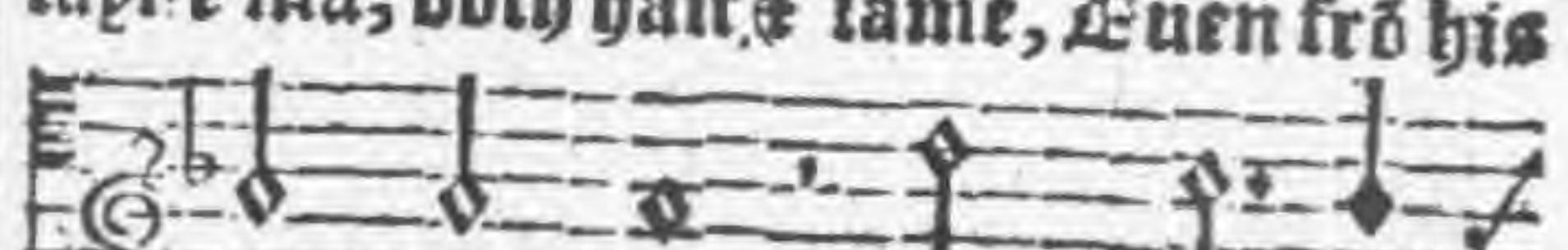
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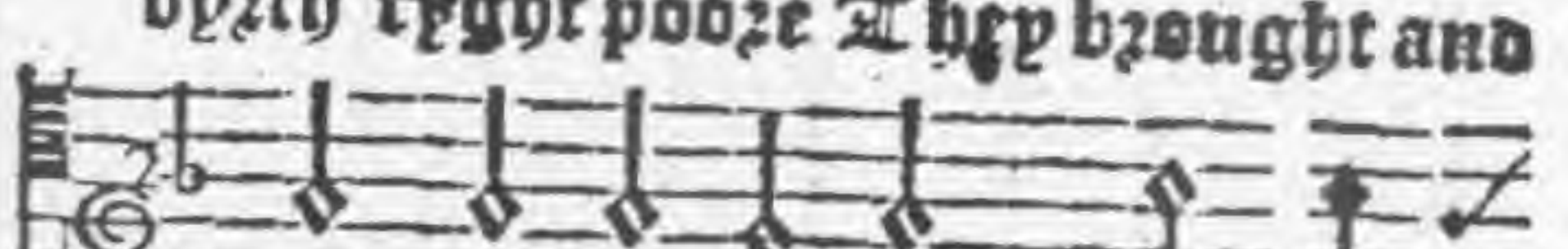
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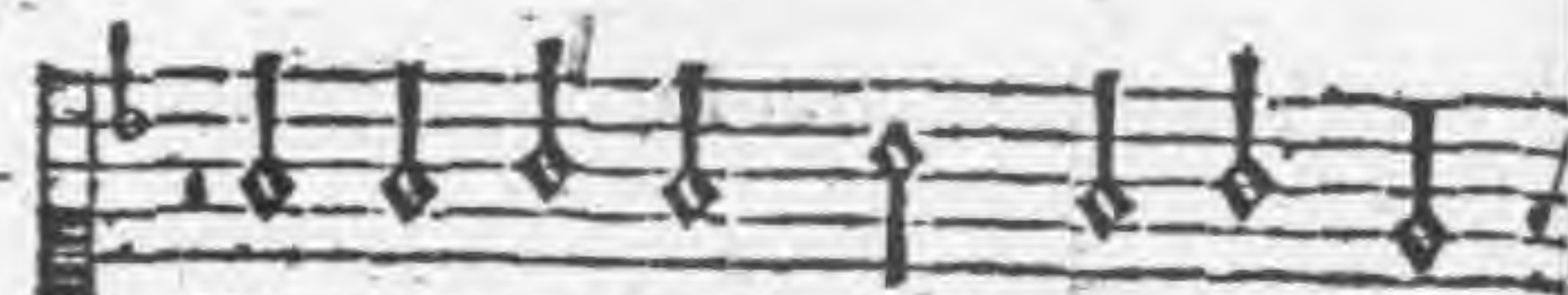
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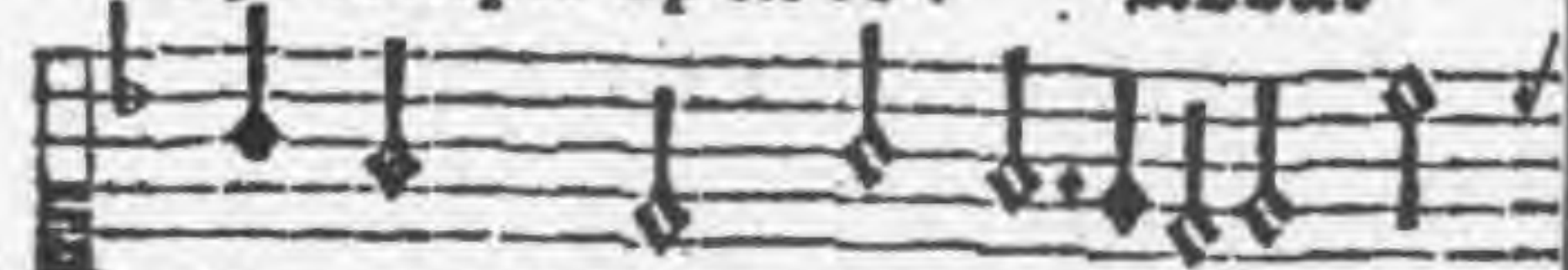
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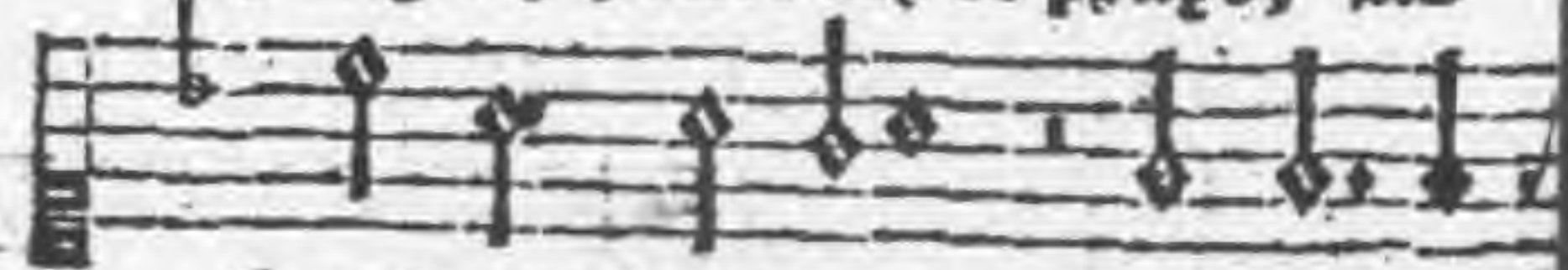
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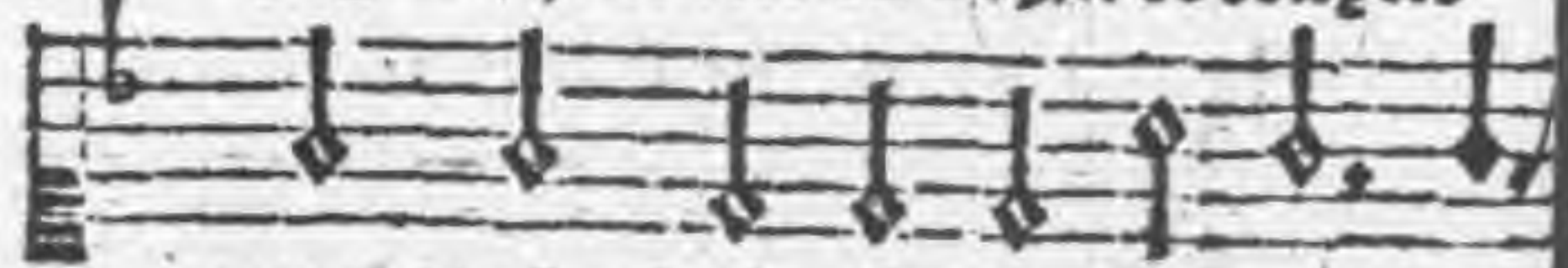
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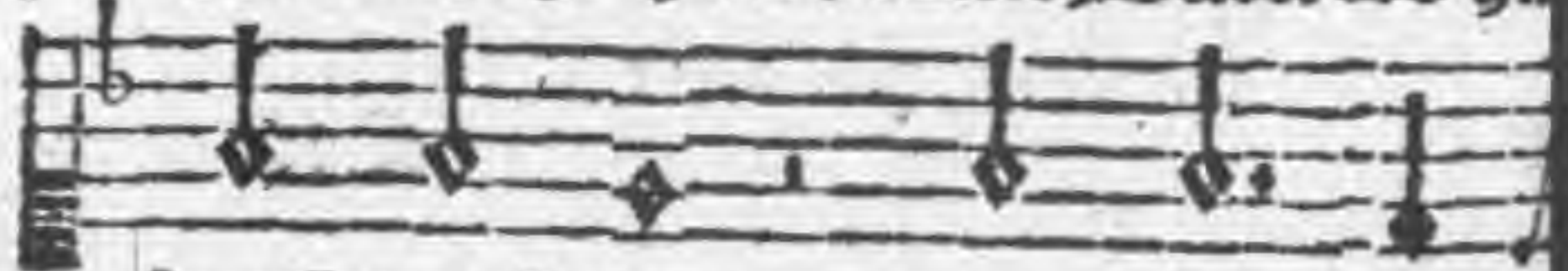
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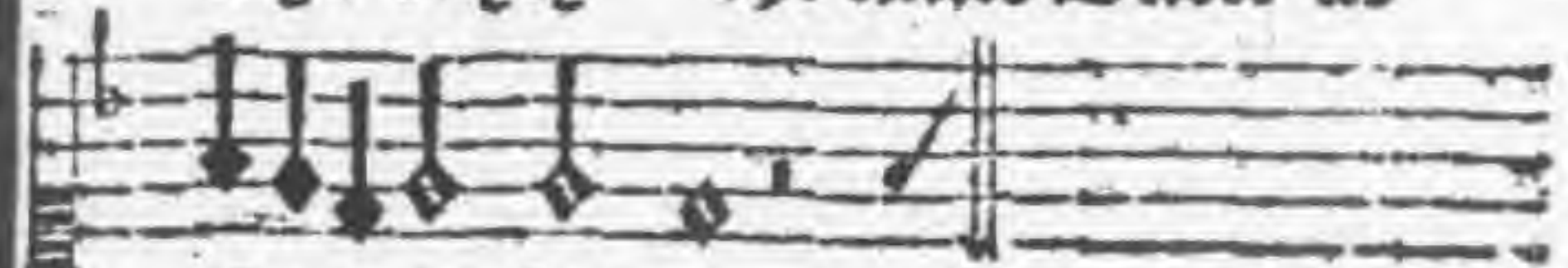


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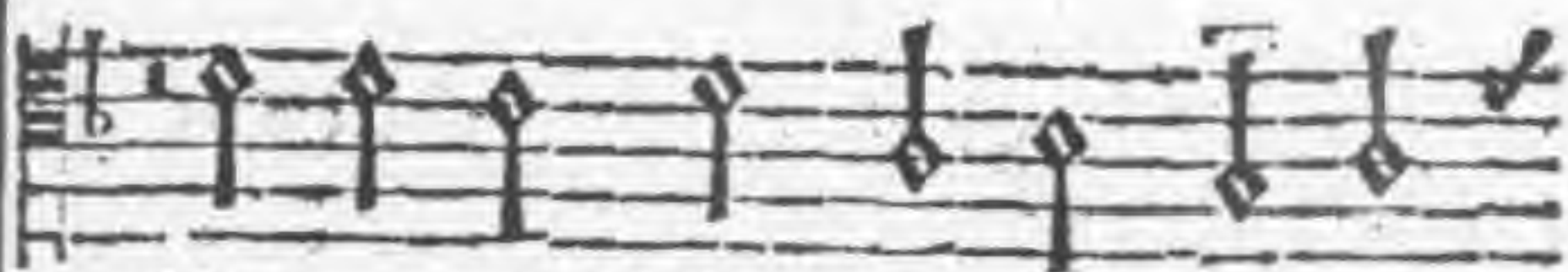


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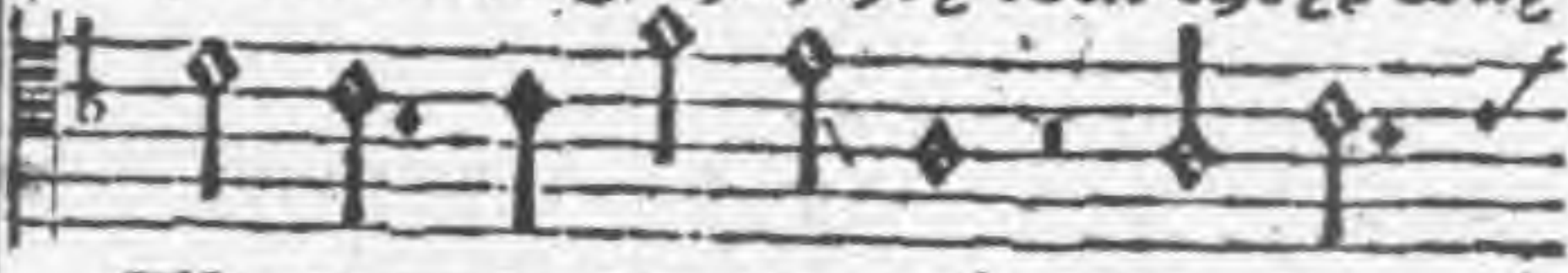


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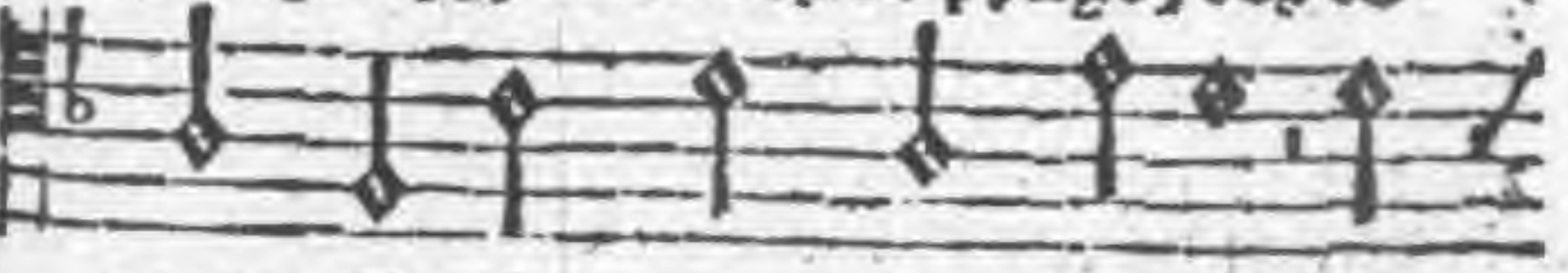
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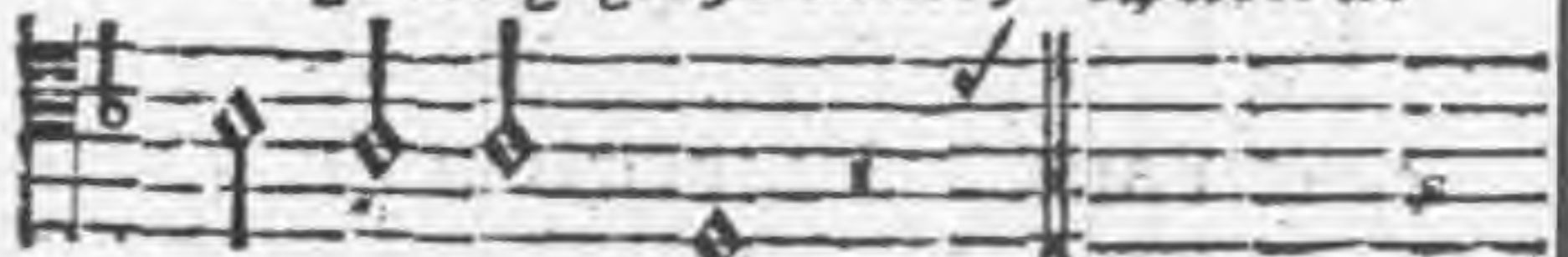
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The Temple vp in to:
About the ninth, houre for to pray
As they were wonte to do.

A certayne man, both halt and lame
Euen from his byrthe ryght pore:
They brought and layd, daylye the same
Euen at the Temple doze.

Whiche is called, the Beutifull
That he myght almesse craue:
Of them that went, to the temple
Some helpe of them to haue,

And

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And when he sawe, Peter and John
Ryght nere the temple doze;
Theyr almesse he, dyd are anon
And they both dyd him beu.

And sayde to hym, loke thou on vs
And he was well a payde:
Dopinge of them, to haue almesse
But Peter to hym sayde.

Siluer and golde, nows haue I none
But suche as God gaue me:
By vertue of, the holpe one
The same geue I to thee.

Nowe in the name, of Christ Iesus
Of Nazareth aryle:
In company, to walke with vs
And prayse the Lorde most wyse.

He toke hym then, by the ryght hande
And lyst e hym vp at length:
Upon his feete, he straght dyd stande:
Hys bones receyued strength.

And he dyd spyngge, stande, walke & start
In at the temple doze:
Leppinge, praylyng, euen with his heart
The lypngge Lorde therfore.

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The.iiij. Chapter.

The people all, dyd hym well see
Praise God for hys good state:
And they knewe well, that it was he
Whiche begged at the gate.

They were fylled, with great wondryng
And were amased sore:
Euen at thys mans, sodayne healyng
That was so lame before.

Thys healed hale, helde fast also
Euen of Peter and John:
The people ranne, to them in to
The Porche of Salomon.

When Peter saw, them wonder so
These wordes to them he spake:
Ye Israelites, I saye of who
Thys wondryng do ye make.

O why loke ye, with stedfastnes
On vs as we coulde do:
By our owne power, or holynes
Thys cure thys man vnto.

The God of Abraham and Isacke
And Iacob thys hath done:
God of our fathers, without lacke
Hath glorified hys sonne.

Jesus

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Jesus whom once, refused ye
In Pilates presents playne;
When he had iudged, hym to be
Loosed from deathe and payne.

But ye denyed, the holy one
A murtherer to saue:
And eke kylled, the Lorde alone
Hys lyfe ye woulde not haue.

Whiche God hath rased, from the deed
Wherof we wytnes can:
Through sayth in hys, name confirmed
Hys name vpon thys man.

Whome ye dyd see, and knowe also
When sayth in hym dyd ryle:
Whiche sayth hath geuen, this man vnto
Hys health before your eyes.

Nowe dere brethren, I knowe that ye
Haue done thys wycked dede:
Through ignorance, as semeth me
Whiche dyd your rulers leade.

But God before hande, he dyd better
And eke his prophetes wylled:
To teache that Christ, the death shoul suf-
Which he hath now fulfilled.

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Repent ye now, I say repent
And turne to vs this daye:
That all your synnes, nowe euident
May cleane be done awaye.

For when the tyme, of refreshynge
Shal come to vs with spede:
In presentes of, the Lorde and Kyng
Above all Kynges in dede.

And when God shall, hym sende the day
Before preached to vs:
Unto you all, which is to saye
The Lorde and Christ Iesus.

Whiche must haue heauen, but al thyng
Whiche he hath spoken playne:
By Prophets syns, the first begynnynge
Restored be agayne.

For Moses to, the fathers sayde
The Lorde rayse vp wyl he:
A Propete, vnto you for ayde
Muche lyke euen vnto me.

Hym shal ye heare, and not controule
But in hys wordes reioyce:
The tyme wyl come, that euery soule
Whiche wyl not heare hys voyce

Shal

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Shalbe destroyed, without all doubt
Whiche tyme wyl not be longe:
That all such shall, be cleane throune out
The people from amonge.

The Prophets all, syns Samuell
And thence forth hath alwayes:
Tolde of the truth, ryght passynge well
And eke spake of these dayes.

The Prophets children, all are you
That by the couenaunt came:
To our fathers, whiche God dyd you
And sayde to Abraham.

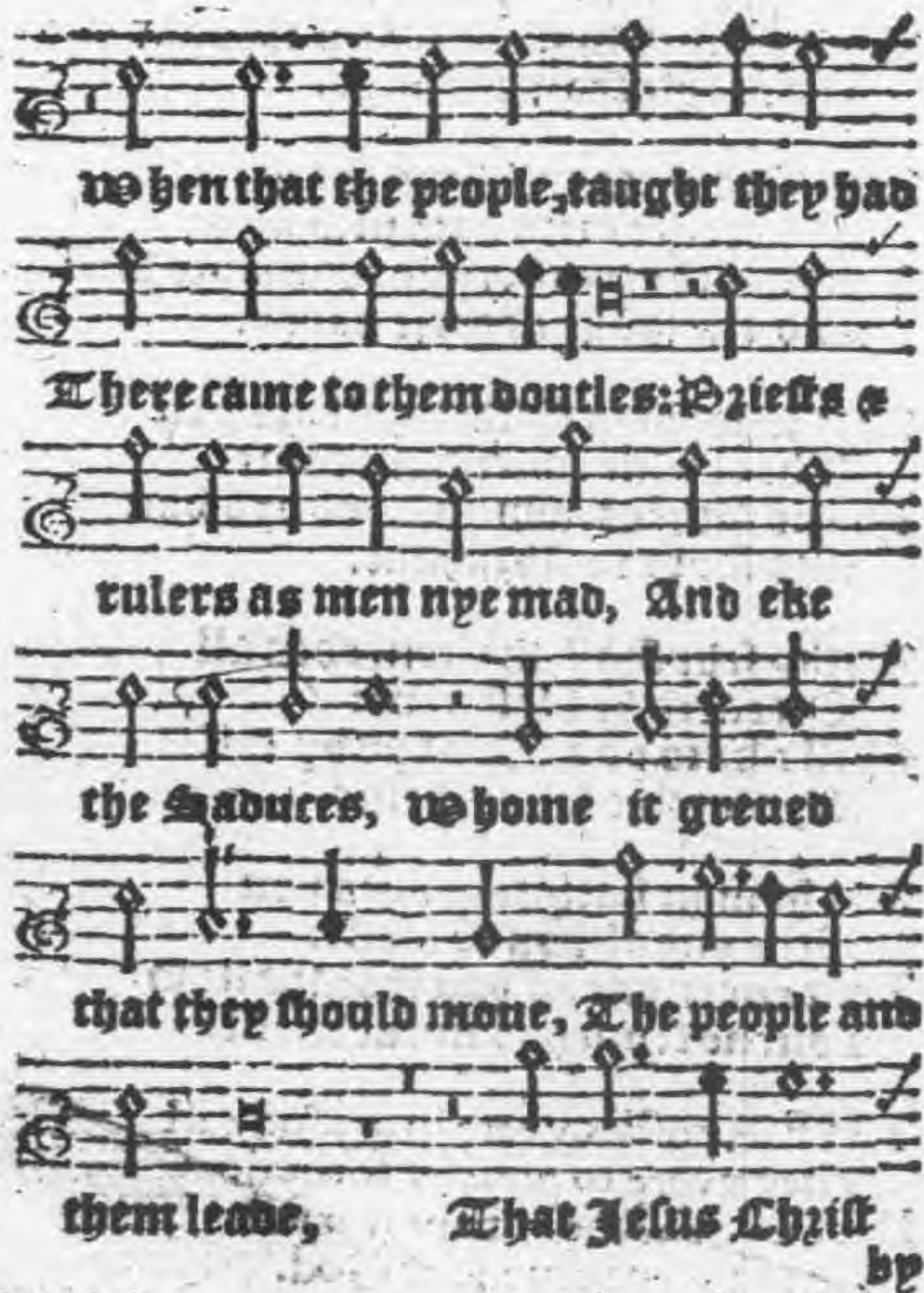
In thy seide shall, the kynredes all
On earth be blest in vs:
Aske vnto you, God dyd by call
Hys onely sonne Iesus.

And hym he hath, sent vnto you
Eche one of you to blesse:
That euery one, of you shoulde now
Turne from hys wickednesse.

THE Apostles, vvere in pryson-cast
They vvere to preache forbod:
But they toke them, to prayer fast
Renouuncynge men for God.

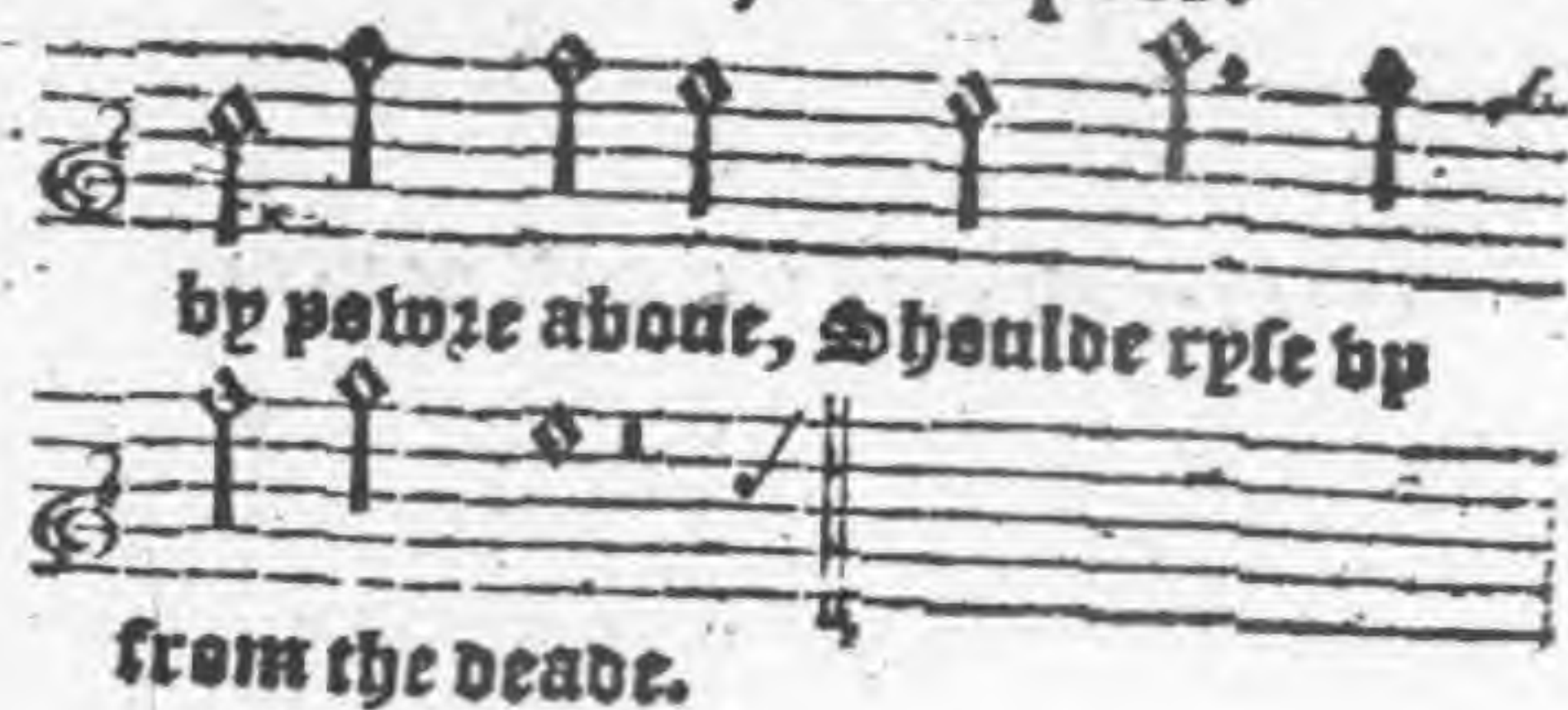
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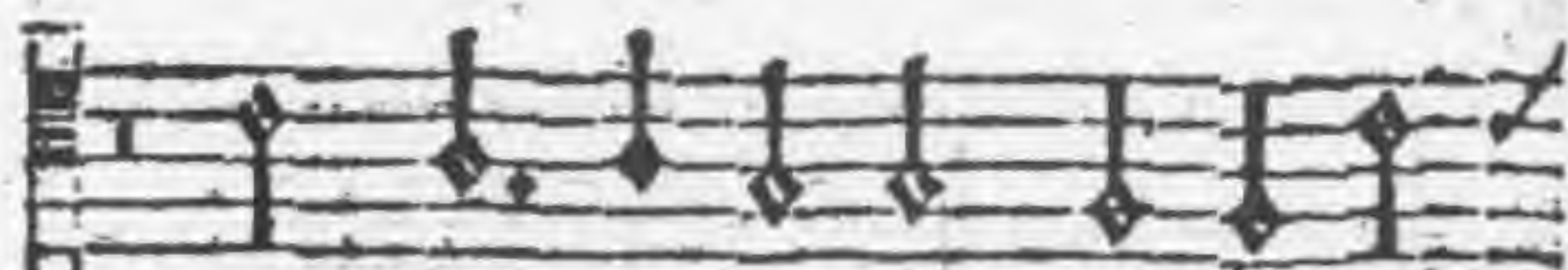
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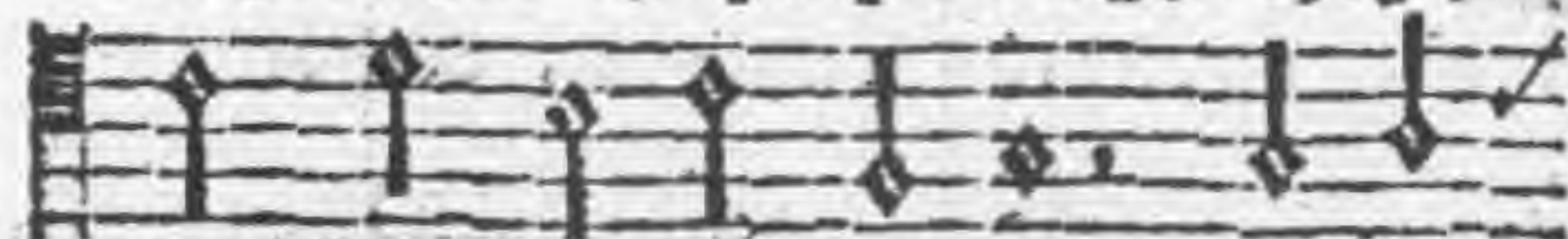
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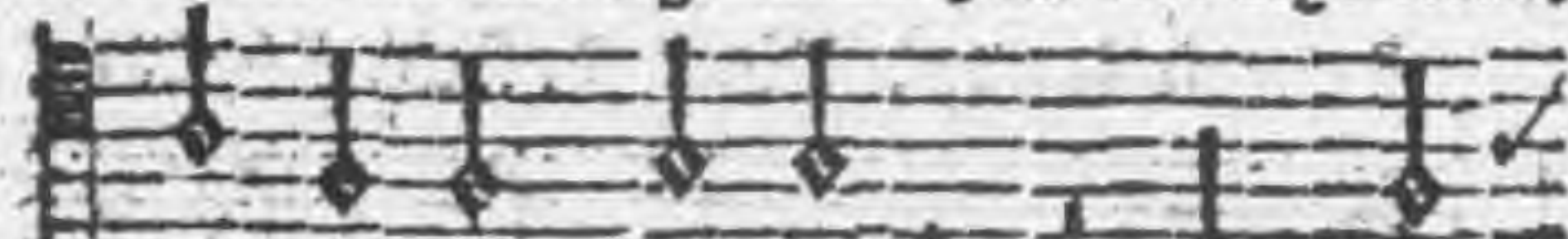
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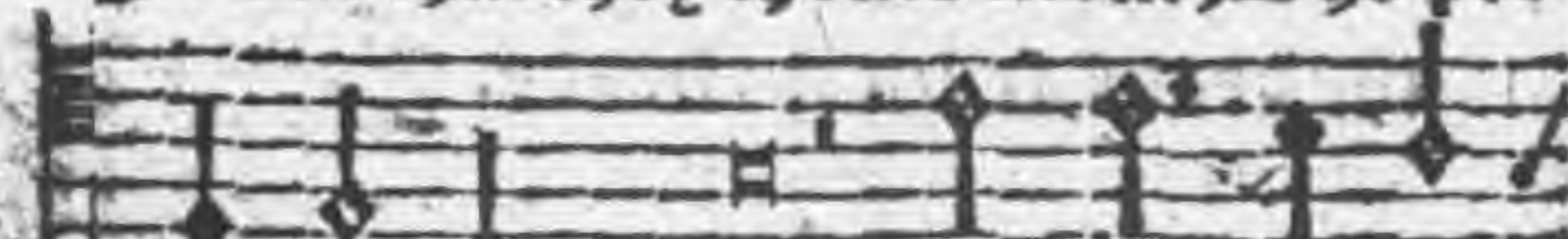
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There came to them doutles:
Priests & rulers, as men nye mad
And eke the Saduces.

Whome it dyd greue, that they should moue
The people and them leade:
That Jesus Christ, by powre aboue
Shoulde rylse vp from the deade.

And they layd handes, on the stragght way
And put them all asyde:
In prison fast, till the next day
For it was then euentyde.

But those that heard, the word of enen then
Welued out of hande:
The numbze then, of those wonne men
Was well nye fye thousande.

D.i.

And

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And it chaunced, the next daye was
Eche ruler and Elder:
The Scribes Annas, and eke Cayphas
John and Alexander.

And eke all those, that were with them
There of the hye Priestes kyn:
Then gathered at, Jerusalem
Where they were then brought in.

And when they stode, befoze the same
They aied them sayinge:
Shew by whose powze, or in whose name
That you haue done thys thyng.

Peter ful of, the holy goost
Sayde vnto them ryght well:
Ye rulers all, both lest and moost
And chiefe of Israell.

If we thys daye, muste testify
Of the good dede and dole:
Delt to the sicke, man and eke by
What meanes he is made whole.

Be it well known, to them that lyst
And ye that rulers be:
That in the name, of Iesus Chyist
Of Nazareth woze he we.

where home

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where home ye haue, crucified and slayne
God hath from death now rayled:
By whome this man, is whole certayne
The Lord therfoze be prayled.

This is the chese stone cast a syde
Of you that buylders be:
Whiche in the chiefe place shall abyde
Of the corners laye we.

For neyther is there, saluacion
In anye sayinge he:
Nor other name, there is not one
Wherein made safe we be.

When they behelde, the boldnes then
Of Peter and of John:
And knewe them both, vnlearned men
And laye people eche one.

They dyd muche muse, and knewe suffly
That they were with Iesu:
And dyd beholde, the man stand by
The whiche was healed new.

Commaundynge them, to stande asyde
And from their counsell goo:
Consultinge there, and sayde proude
Where it these men what to do.

D.ii.

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A wondrous signe, is done by them
And eke is iustly knowne:
To all them in, Jerusalem
The thyng abrode is blowen.

But that they shal, hence forth therfore
No further noyle the same:
Let vs charge them, to speake no more
To no man in hys name.

They gade to them, commaundment new
That they should no man ayde:
To preache or teache, of their Jesu
But Peter and John sayde.

If it be ryght, as ye thynke it
In syght of God the Lorde:
Pour words to kepe, Gods to omit
Iuge ye and so recoorde.

For we wyl speake, the truth euen so
Wherof we knowe the grounde:
They thretened them, and let them go
No fault in them was founde.

The people also, praysed God
The lame awaye went rounde:
Who was of age, ful forty and od
Which was made whole and sounde

As

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As soone as they, were then let go
They to their felowes went:
Expresynge their, great payne and wo
And eke imprisonment.

By the hye Priestes, and Elders all
And what to them they sayde:
When they heard that, they loude dyd call
And gaue God thanks for ayde.

And sayde thou Lorde: thou God of blys
Madst heauen and earth for vs:
The sea and all, that ther in is
By whome Dauid sayd thus.

Why dyd the heathen, fume and fret
What rage in them now sprynges
Why dyd the Iwise, people set
Their myndes vpon vayne thynges.

The Kynges and Rulers, dyd persist
In wycked counsell longe:
Agaynst the Lorde, and hys sonne Christ
Whiche he sent vs amonge.

For of a trueth, agaynst the Lorde
Whome thou annoynted hast:
Herod, Pilate, with one accorde
Helde with the Gentyls fast.

D.iii.

The

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The people eke, of Israell
Increased more and more:
To do what thy, handes and counsell
Determined befoze.

Nowe Lorde beholde, their threathynge
And graunt to thy elect: (sworde
With confidence, to speake thy worde
Good Lorde do vs protect.

So that thyne hand, stretch forth & same
Healynge and signes to vs:
That we do wonders in the name
Of thy dere sonne Iesus.

As soone as they, had prayed anone
The place began to shake:
They were full of, the holpe one
The worde boldly they spake.

The multitude, that dyd beleue
Were of one sprit and harte:
Eche one to other styll dyd geue
In comen they dyd parte.

And with great power, they dyd witness
The resurrection all:
Of Iesu Christ, pea and doubtles
Great grace on them dyd fall.

Not

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Not one amonge, them all dyd latke
For who had house and land:
Solde all and dyd, kepe nothyng backe
To haue in hys owne hande.

They layde all downe, at the fete than
Of thapostles in dede:
Distributynge to euery man
Accordynge to hys nede.

Joses who was, of an olde wonne
Of thapostles eche one:
Called Barnabas, whiche is the sonne
Of Consolacion.

A Gentle bozne, woulde not doe yll
Had lande and eke solde it:
And layd the pryce, downe with good wyll
At the Apostles fete.

The Contentes.

ANANIAS vntruth vvas knowne
And hys vvyues to their shame:
Thapostles vvere, in prylon throwne
Reioysynge in the same.

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Meane.



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phira his wyfe framed, Unto



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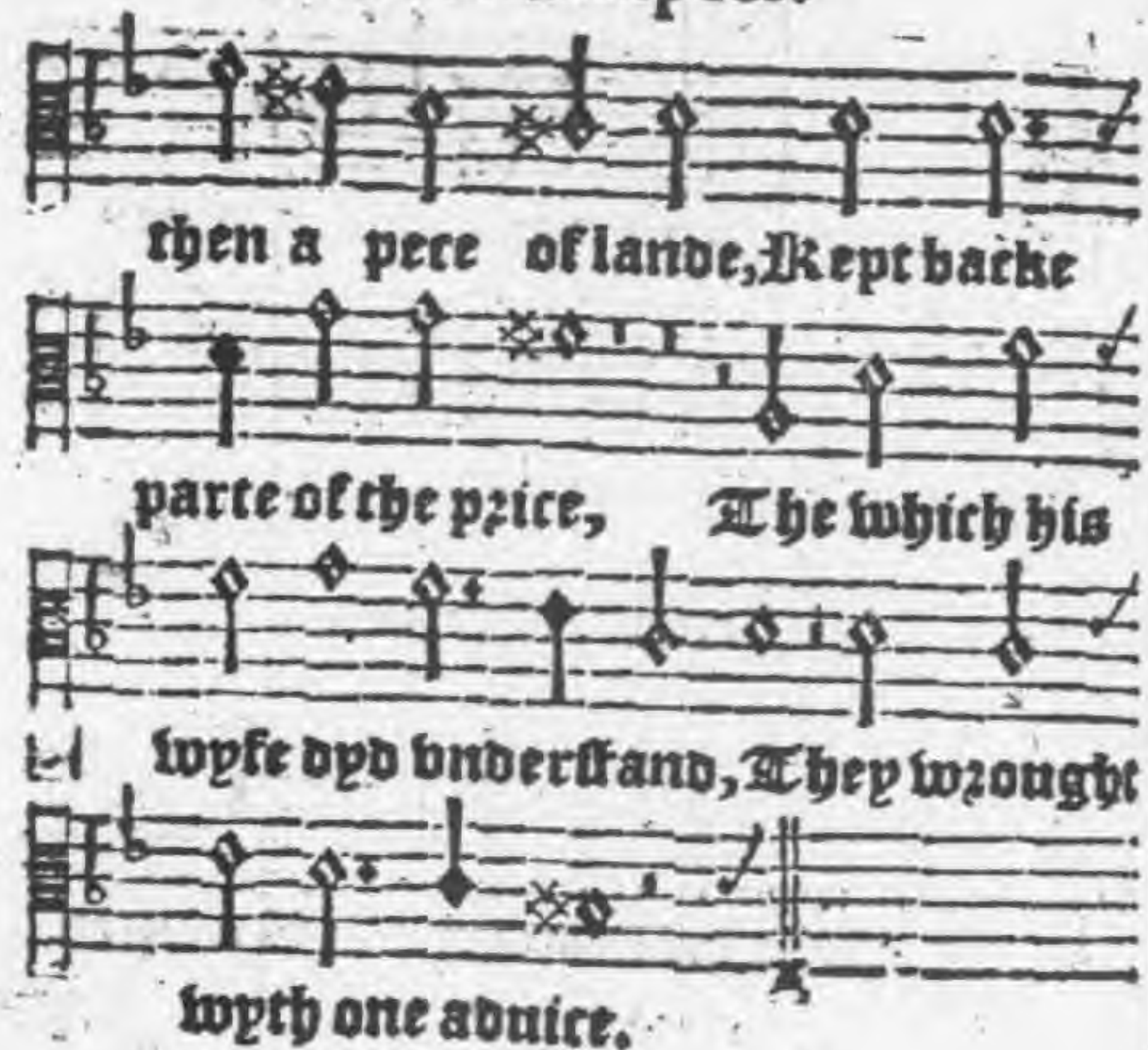
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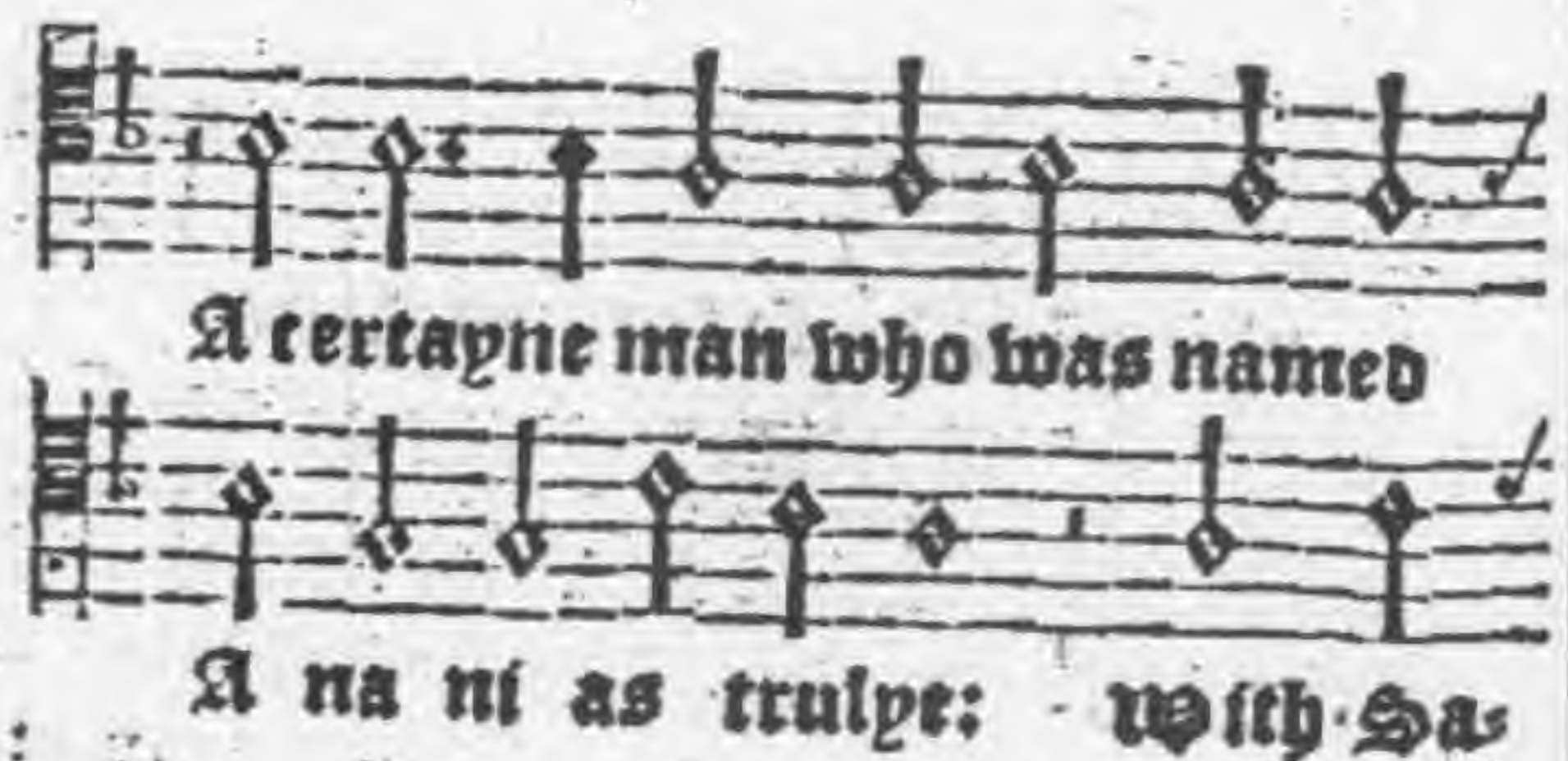
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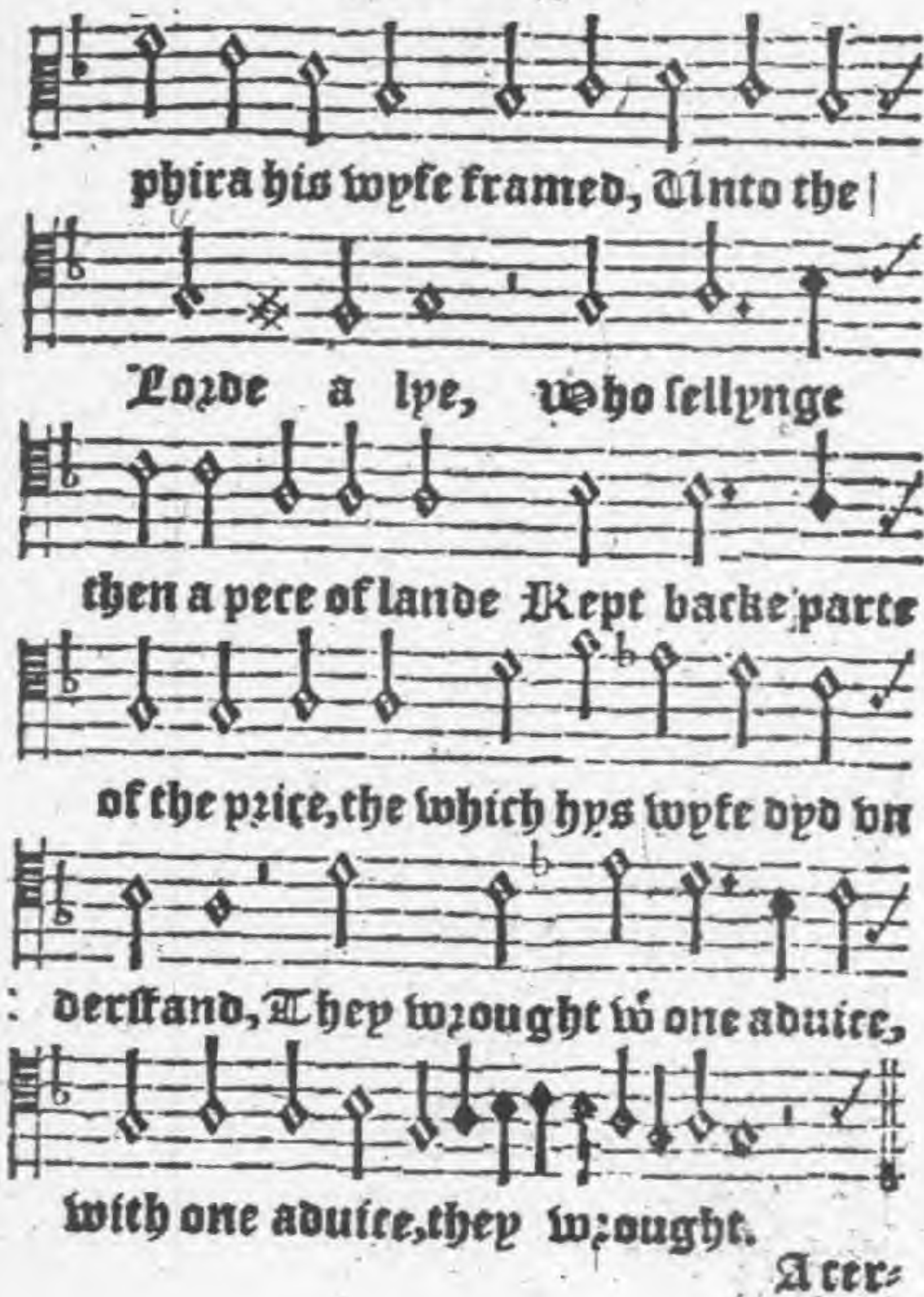
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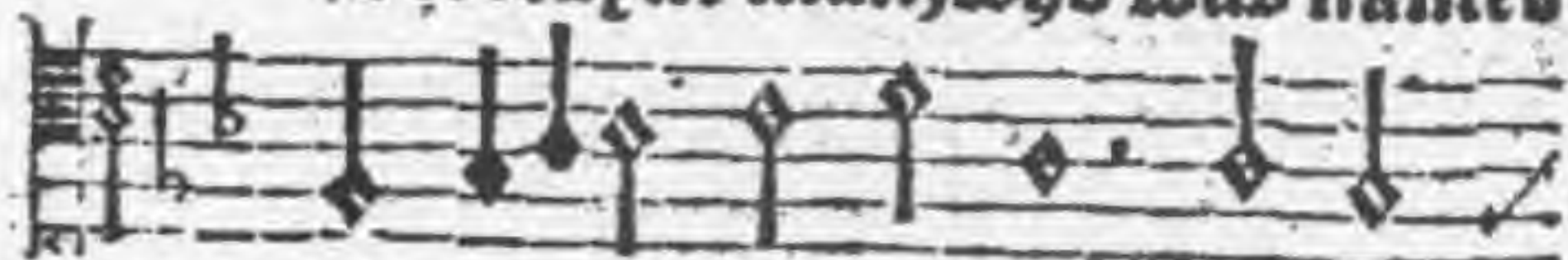


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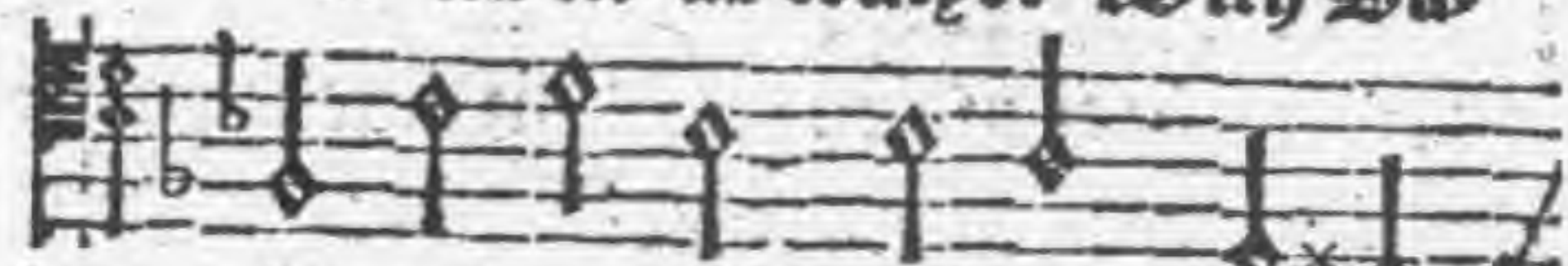
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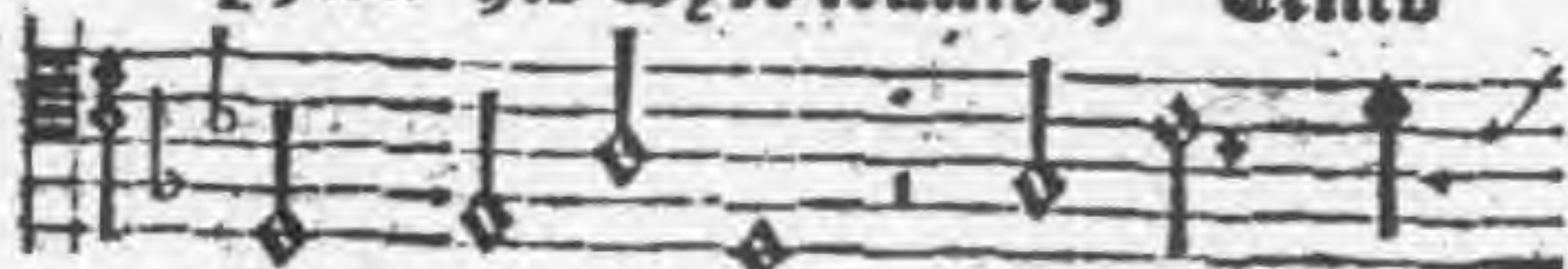
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A Certayne man, who was named
Ananias trulpe:
With Saphira hys wyse framed
Unto the Lorde a lye.

who sellunge then, a pece of lande
Kept backe part of the price:
The whiche hys wyse, dyd vnderstande
They wrought with one aduice.

The other part, then layde downe was
At the Apostles sit:
And Peter sayde, Ananias
By what meanes chaunceth it.

That Sathan hath, fylled thyne harte
To cause thee thus to lye:
Unto the holy, ghost and parte
Of thy lyuelode denye.

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Pertayned it not, to thee that howze
And after it was solde:
Was not the parte, in thyne owne powze
That thou dost nowe withholde.

Now chaunceth it, that thou shouldest then
Thus bypnye thy selfe to we:
Thou hast not lyed, onely to men
But vnto God also.

And when he was, trulye thus tryed
Hys doynges was abhorde:
He straght gaue vp, the ghost and dyed
For trydng with the Lorde.

Great feare then came, vpon eche heade
That thys dyd heare and see:
The yonge men rose, vp and hym leed
Where he shoulde buryd be.

And it chaunced, within the space
Of thre houres thys was done:
Hys wyfe not knowynge came in place
Appearynge there ryght soone.

And Peter sayde, to her tell me
Holds ye the lande for thys:
And she ryght soone, to hym sayde ye
I haue sayde as it is:

Then

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Then Peter sayde, I wyll recozde
That ye dyd both consent.
To tempt the spirit, of God the Lorde
As it is euident.

Beholde the fete, of them that haue
Buryd thy make thys daye:
Be redye to, put thee in graue
Then she fell dead straght waye.

The yonge men then, came in and founde
Her dead lyng at hande:
They bare her forth, and in the grounde
Layde her by her husbände.

And therwith came, on them great feare
That sawe thys done of ryght:
Euen on all those, that then were there
To see that feareful syght.

By the Apostles handes was wrought
Ryght straunge and wondrous thinges
Amonge the people, which then sought
To heare their good tydynges.

With one accorde, they all were gone
To prayse their Lorde and kyng:
With in the porche, of Salomon
And that with thanks geuyng.

Of

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Of thother sozt, there was not one
Durst iopne hym selfe them to:
And yet of them, some longe had gone
To learne the best to do.

The numbre of, those men that dyd
Beleue the Lorde bys loze:
Men and women, God be praysed
Increased moze and moze.

That in so much, they brought bedsteads
For sycke in to the stretes:
And some were layed, in standyng beddes
And eke some in palletes.

That at the least, Defet myght come
Nye to them that laye there:
When he came by, to shadoke some
Of them that soze sycke were.

Ther came also, a multitude
From cityes rounde aboute:
To Ierusalem, to seclude
Sycknes from them throug out.

And such as were, vexed euen there
With vncleane spites eche one:
Were brought to them, then euery when
And were made whole anon.

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The chiefe priest then, rose by certes
And all that with hym were:
Whiche is the sect, of Saduces
Who then dyd stampe and steare.

Of chappostles, not one went quight
In prison they were set:
The angell of, the Lorde by nyght
Them out of prison let.

And brought them forth, eke sayde than
Go stepe forth and speake ryse:
With in the Temple, to euery man
The wordes now of this lyfe.

When they heard y, they with good wyll
Into the temple went:
Soone in the mozne, for to fulfyll
The Lordes commaundement.

The chief prest came, and they that were
With hym in that sozenone:
And called counsell, to them there
To knowe what myght be done.

Then of the chyldren, of Israell
The elders were also:
Of them that sat, there in counsell
And bade some for them goo.

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When they then went, to them that had
The prysen then in cure:
They dyd retourne, as men nye mad
Shut was the prysen sure.

The keepers standynge at the doze
To wayt vpon their charge:
And yet of them, they had no poze
God had set them at large.

When the chiefe priest, and he that is
Euen of the temple these:
And eke the hye pristes, heard of this
They mused with muche grese.

Then came one forth, and sayde beholde
Those that in prysen were:
Stand in the churche, and are full bold
To teache the people there.

The ruler went, with diligence
And ministers of trust:
Which brought them with, out violence
For they feared the worst.

Let that the people, shoulde them stone
And so their purpose sayle.
They brought them secretly alone
Before the whole counsaile.

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The chiefe priest sayde, to them at large,
Be ye not worthe blame:
Syth that we dyd, you straghtly charge
Not to teache in thys name.

Beholde he sayde, then vnto them
The Lorde of your Iesus:
Hath fylled all, Ierusalem
To bynge hys bloude on vs.

Peter and John, they coulde not staye
But boldly sayde euen then:
We ought of ryght, God to obeye
Before you that are men.

The God of our, fathers rayled
Iesus our helpe to be:
Whome ye haue slayne, and eke hanged
Unjustly on a tre.

God rayled hym, with hys ryght hande
To save suche as repent:
That Israel, myght vnderstande
Hys merce to them sent.

And we be recordes of thys cosse
Concernynge our comfort:
And eke also, the holy ghost
Guen to the loyall sozt.

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They hearing that, their wrath dyd swell
And sought meanes them to slep:
Then stode vp one, of their councel
An auncient pharisey.

Who was named, Gamaliell
A doctoꝝ of the lawe:
Amonges them all, he dyd excell
Of whom they stode in awe.

He dyd commaunde, to put asyde
Thapostles then straght wayt:
That none of them, shoulde there abyde
To heare what he woulde saye.

O ye men of Israel, take hede
Beware what ye entende:
Agaynst these men, oꝝ ye procede
Marke what wyl be the ende.

Befoze these dayes, one Theudas
Arose wth bragge and boiste:
Foure hundred men, then sayne ther was
There gathered in hys hoiste.

And all the rest, that there abode
That vnto hym had sought:
Were scatred here, and there abode
And straght way brought to naught.
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And after that, arose a man
Judas of Galile:
When tribute first, with them began
Men thynke to be free.

So that muche people to hym drew
Whiche was to theyꝝ decaye:
For death to hym, dyd then ensue
He sayne they ded awaye.

And now I saye, refrayne you then
And let these men alone:
For yf their counsel, be of men
It wyl decaye anone.

But yf it be, of God certayne
Ye can it not deface:
But shalbe founde, to strue in bayne
And fight agaynst Gods grace.

And then to hym, they dyd agree
And called the apostles all:
They bete them all, none dyd scape free
Suche chaunce to them dyd fall.

And gaue to them, commaundement new
When they had beate them so:
To speake no moze, of their Iesu
And then they let them go.

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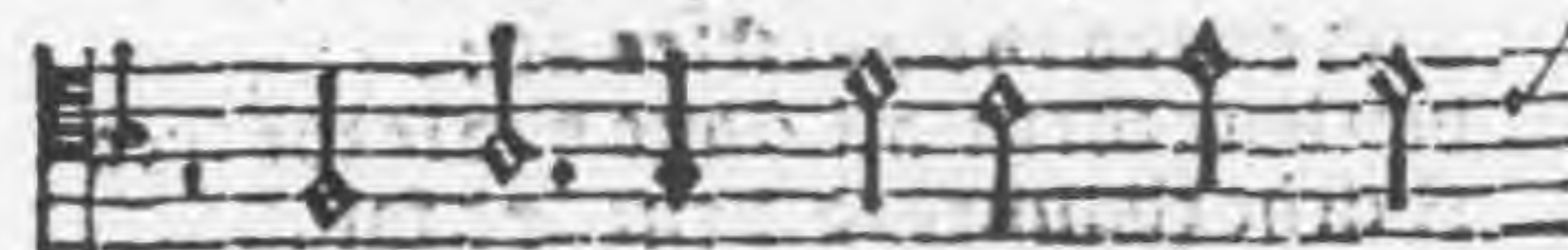
From that countrell, they dyd depart
 Reioysynge in the same:
 That they myght byde, such payne & smart
 Onely for Christ bys name.

And in the temple, the dyd teache
 The trueth playne to discus:

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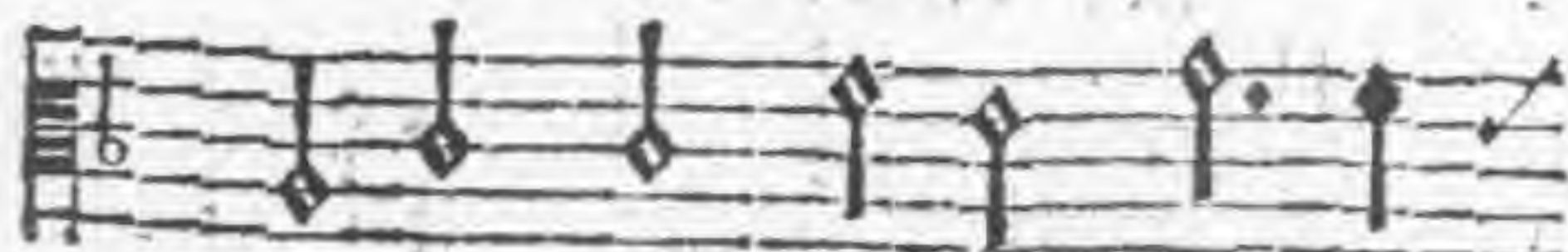
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In every house, styll they preache
 The Lorde, and Christ Jesus,

DEACONS appoynted, to the borde
 To minister at their nede:
 And the Apostles, to the vvorde
 Steuen vvas accused in dede.

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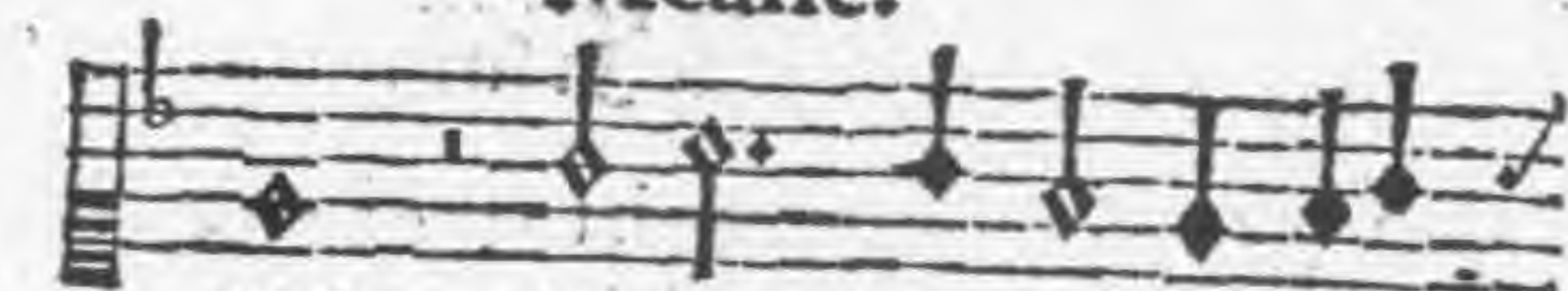


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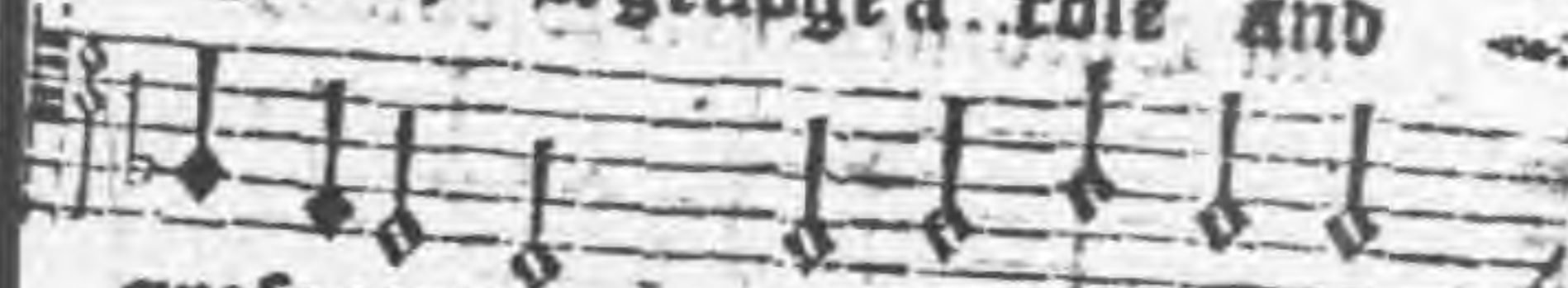


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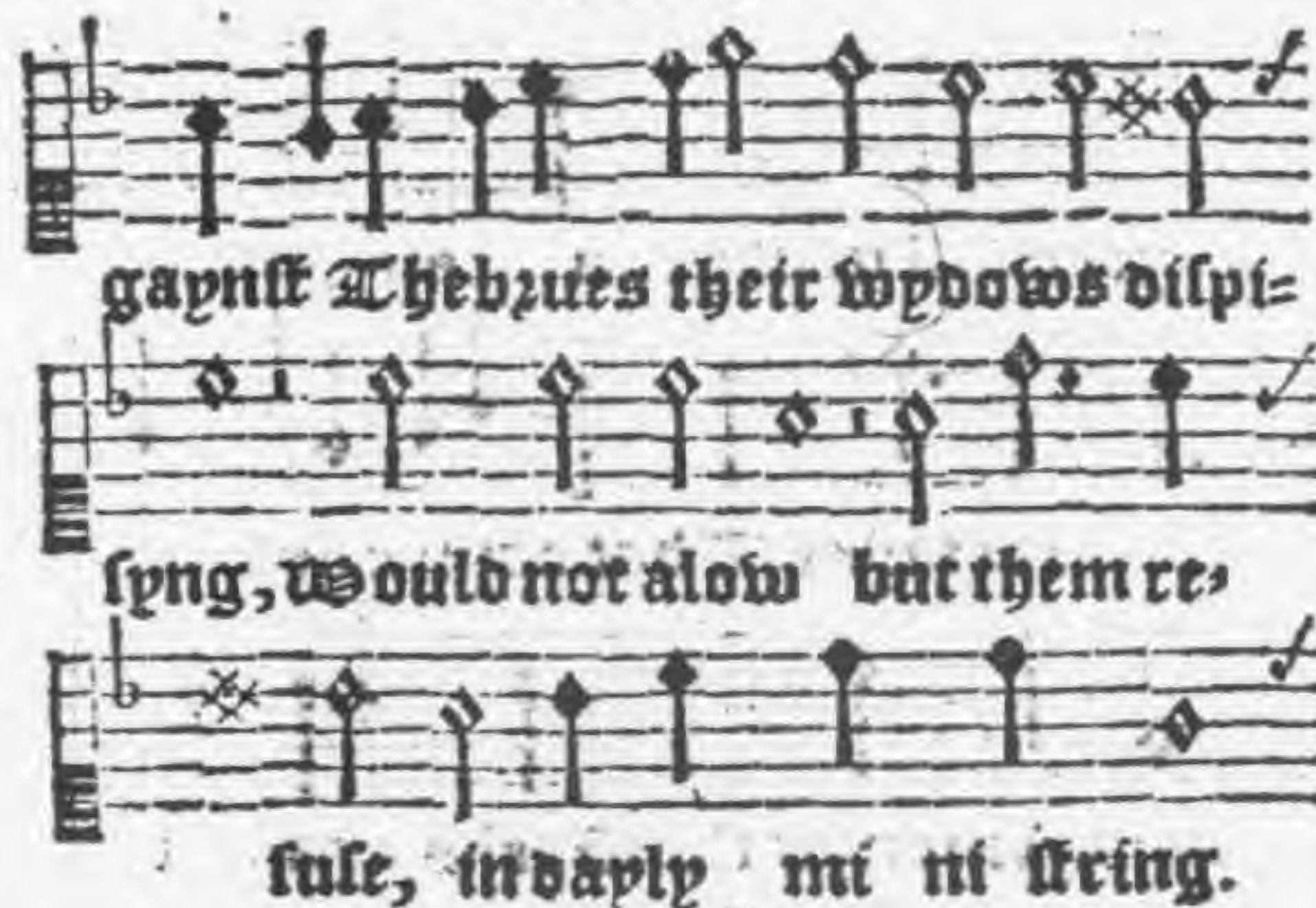


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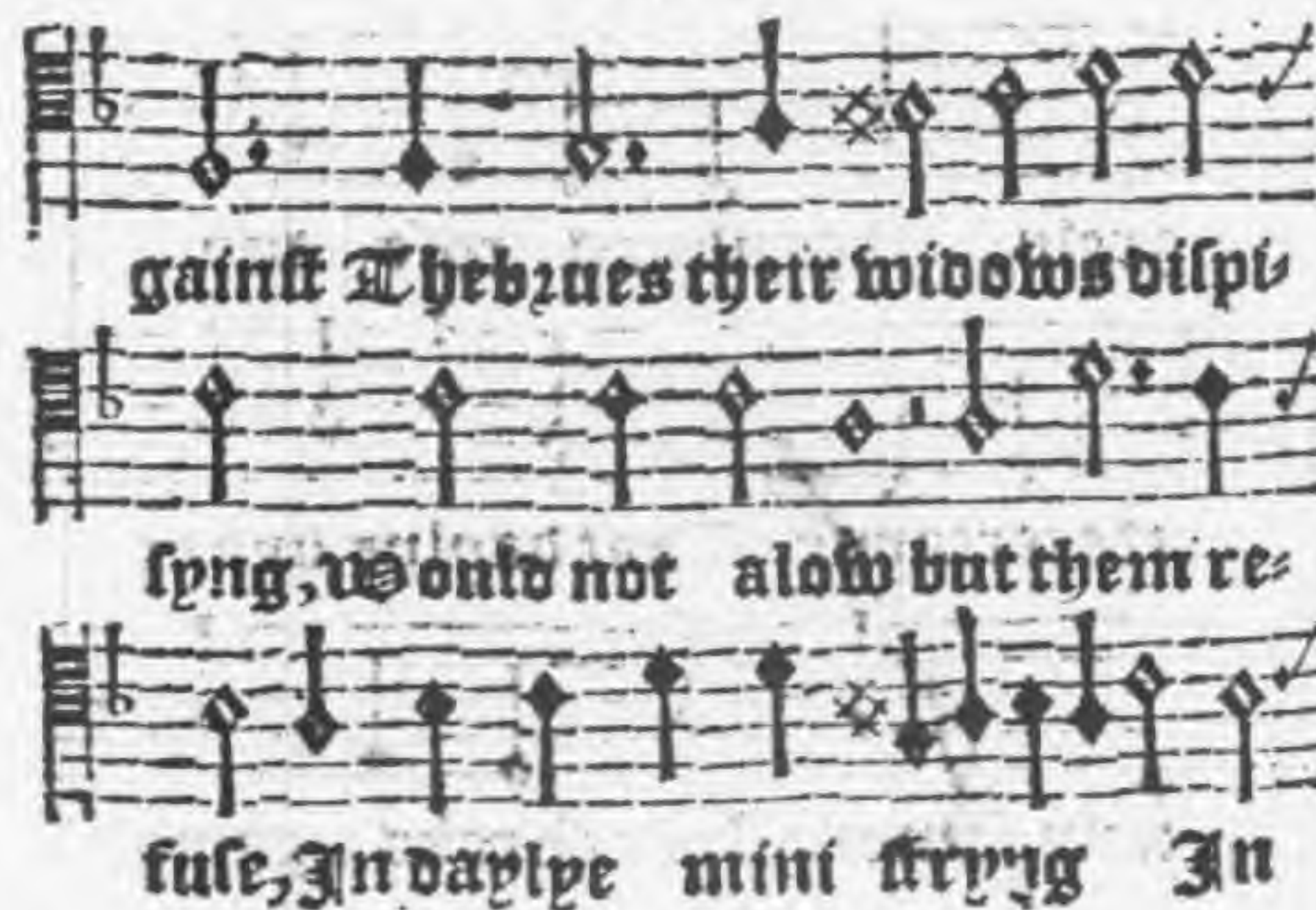


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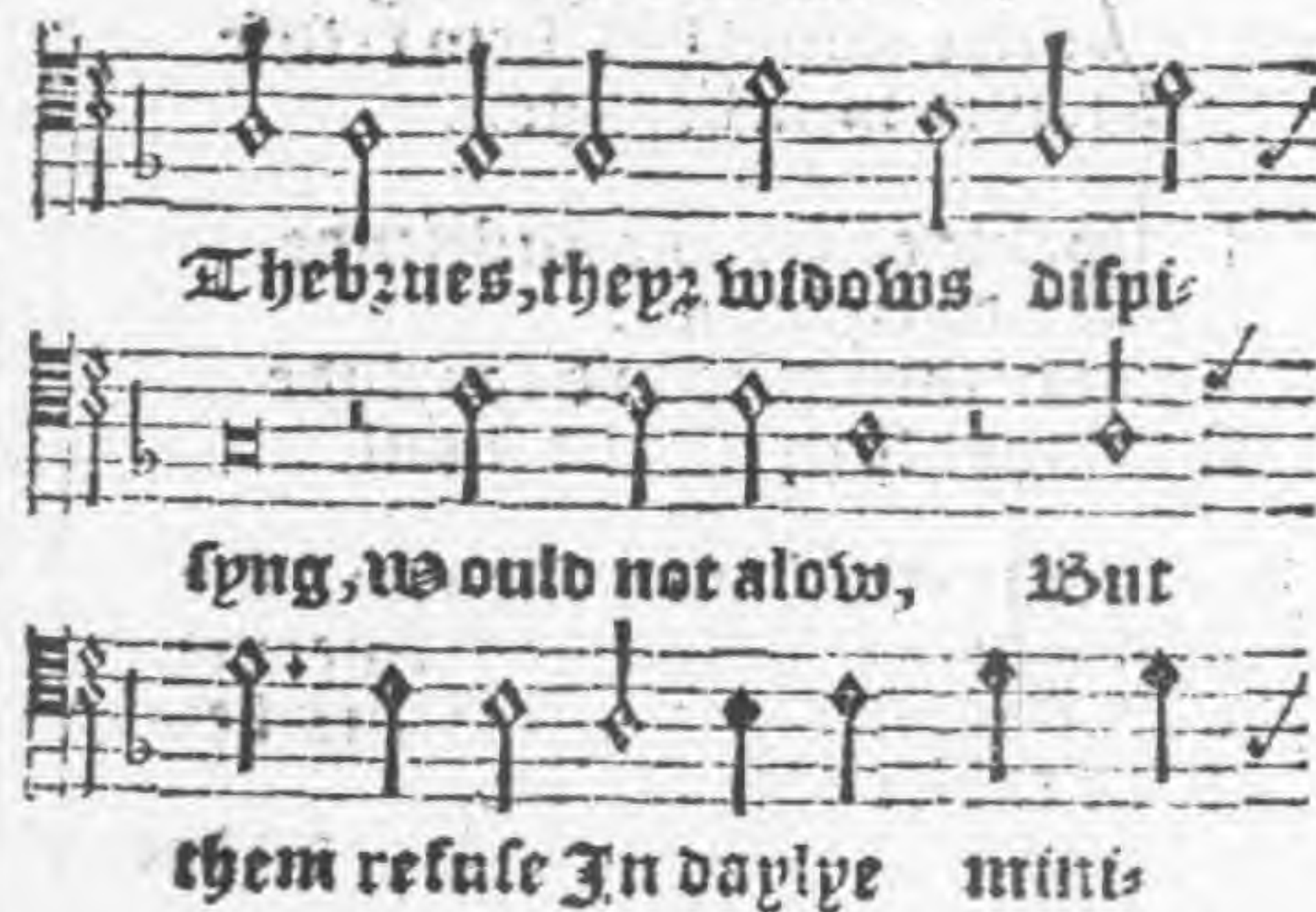
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In those daies as, the nūbre plaine
Of the disciples grewe:
A grudge arole, & grese certayne
That dayly dyd renewe.

Amongest the Brekes, agaynst Thebzeues
Their widdowes despyllynge:
Woulde not allowe, but them refuse
In daylye ministringe.

The twelue called, the multitude
Of the disciples all:
Together then, they dyd conclude
And sayde to great and small.

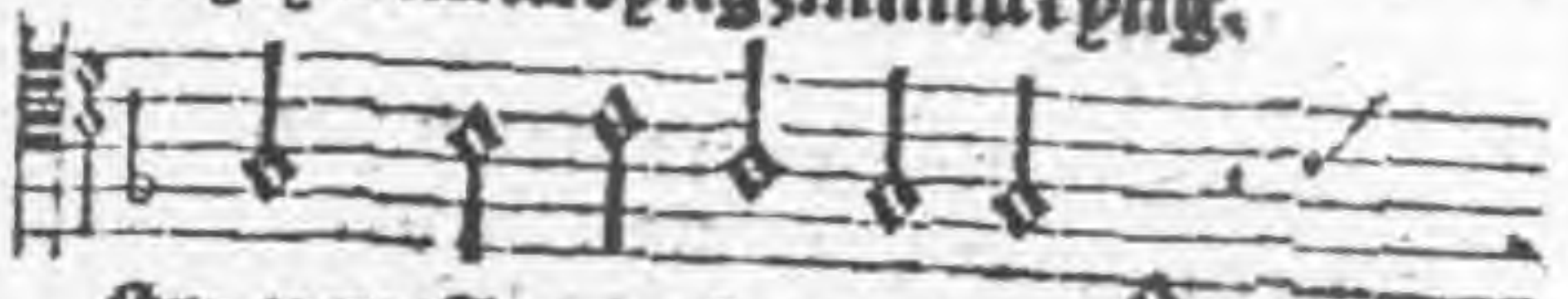
It is not mete, that we shoulde take
And from Gods worde to swerne:
Nor that we shoulde, our selues betake
The tables for to serue.

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strynge, In daylye ministring.

Wherefore brethren, amonge you sche
Seuen men of honest samet
ful of the spyt, and wisdom eke
To take in hande the same.

But we our selues, wyll styll applye
Not carynge for the boorde:
To praye and preache, continuallye
And minister the worde.

Unto these wordes, of good effect
Agred bothe lest and most:
And faythful Steuen, was then elect
Full of the holy Ghost.

Philip Prochor, and Demenias
With Nican dyd approche:
So dyd Siron, and Nicolas
Conuert of Antioche.

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Before thapostles in their state
Not wayed by goobes oꝝ landes:
But after pzayer, were appzobate
By laying on of handes.

The word of God, encreased toged
The numbꝛe then was such:
That the dysciples multiplied
With in Ierusalem muche.

Theyꝛ foꝛemen lyfe, they dyd repent
And so dyd manye, a pryt:
Whiche then became, obedient
Unto the fayth of Christ.

And Steven then full, of fayth and power
Great wonders shewed he:
So that the people euery hour
Strange miracles myght se.

Out of the synagoge dyd lepe
Some sectes of hypocrites:
The lybertins, one sect we clepe
Another Syzenytes.

Lyke wyse of Alexandria
And men bothe moꝛe and euẽ:
Of Cilice and of Asia
Disputed styll with Steven.

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The spryte they coulde, not ouercome
So God dyd hym aduauce:
With great knowledge, & highe wysdome
Suche was then his vttraunce.

They sent in men, bys wordes to tꝛye
Whiche came and sayde doutles:
We hearde him speake, blasphemously
Agaynst God and Moyses.

And they dyd moue, the people there
The Scribes and elder sorte:
With force to bꝛyng, hym in danger
By meanes of false repozte.

Before the counsell, they hym bzought
And matters dyd deuyse:
As false witnes, had then out sought
Whiche was nothyng but lyse.

And sayde thys man, wyll not refrayne
Blasphemus wordes to sounde:
Thys holy place, he doth disdayne
Our lawe thus confounde.

Thus he in effectes, with poyson bꝛeathe
Our fayth foꝛ to deface:
And sayth Iesus, of Nazareth
Shall soone destroye thys place:

And

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And so shall change, the ordinance
That Moyses gaue to vs:
Which is to vs, no small greuance
By meanes of this Iesus.

The counsell then, in that their rage
Dyd beue hym in their syght:
And dyd beholde, his sayre visage
Moste lyke an Angell bryght.
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so, ye men and eke bye
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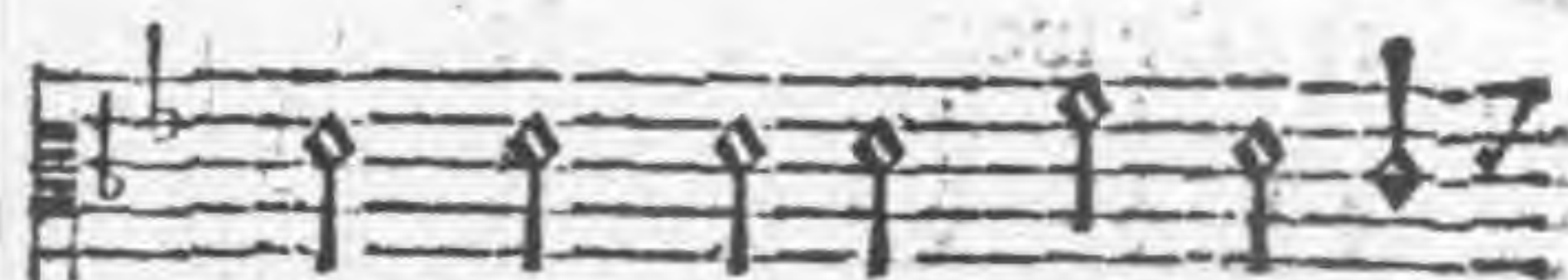


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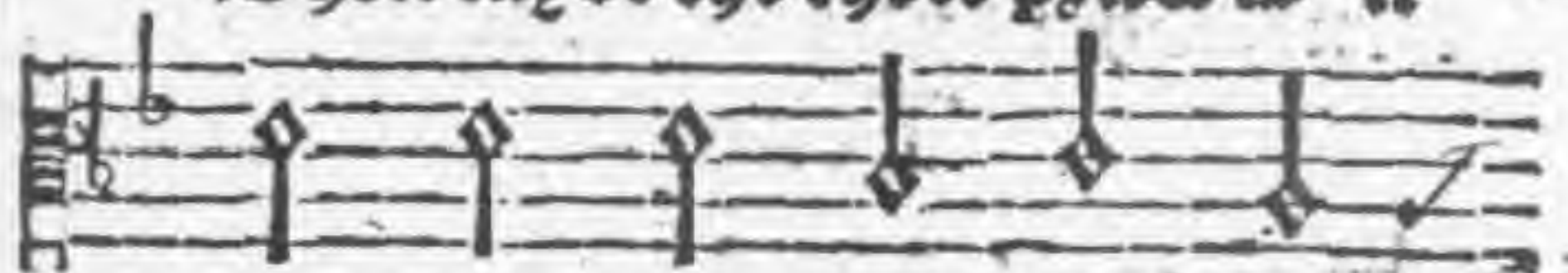
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STEVEN to aunsvvere, doth not refuse
To hys accusers ethe:
And doth rebuke the vvycked Iude
They do hym stone to deathe.

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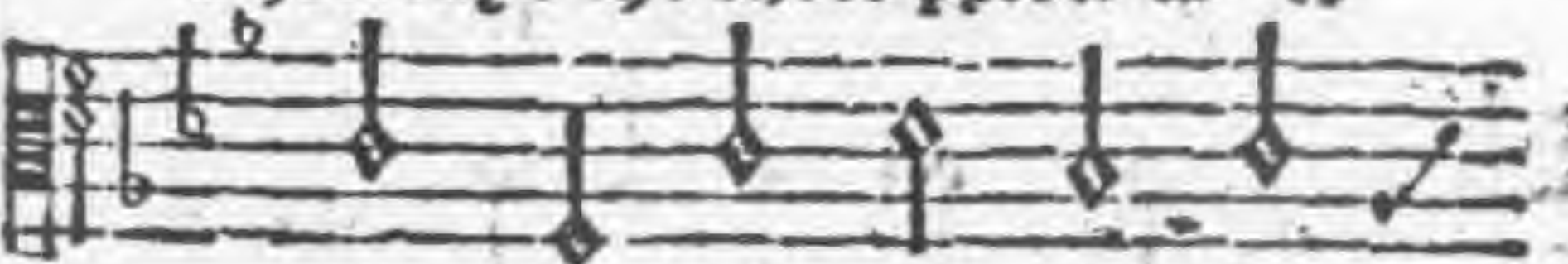
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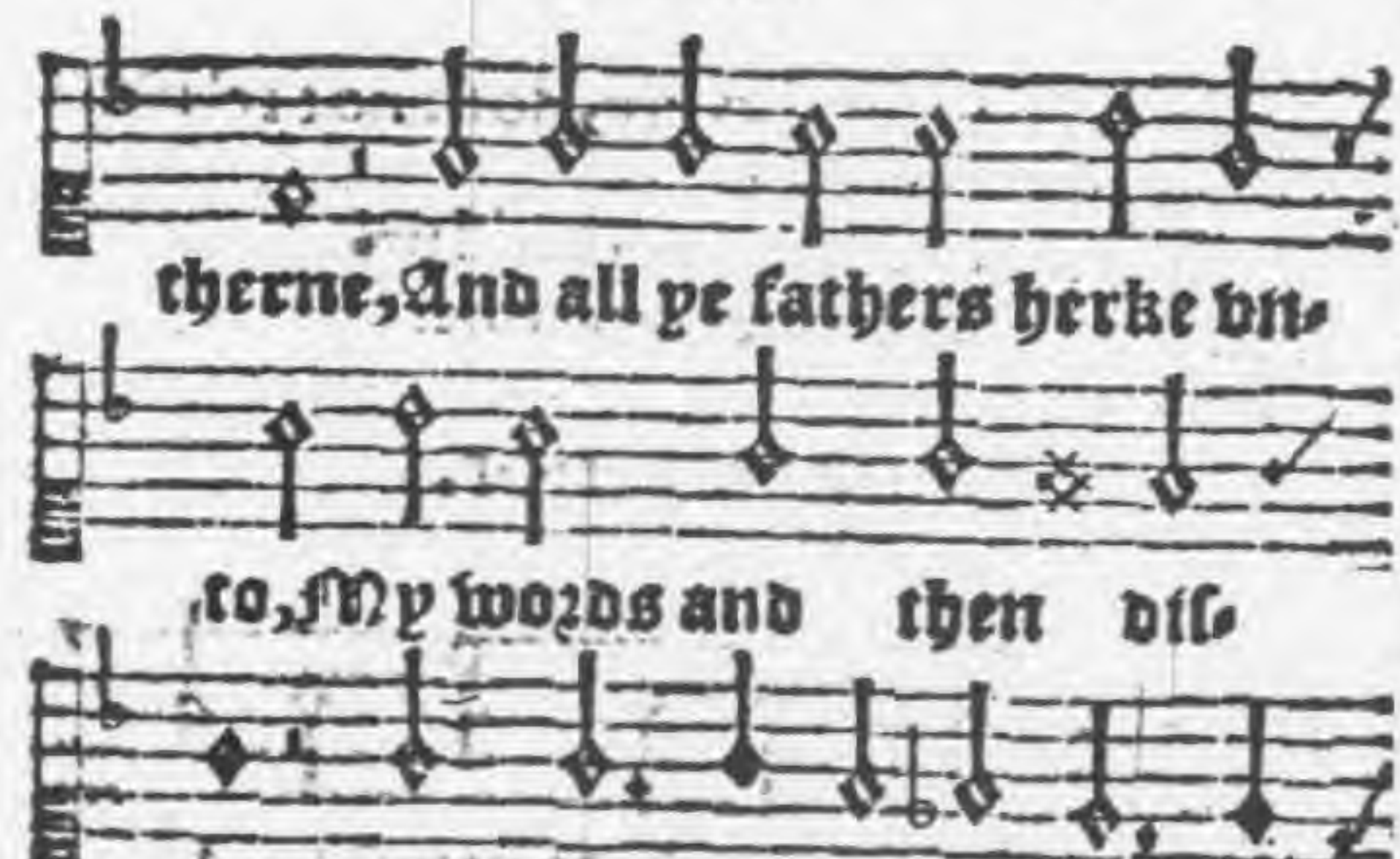


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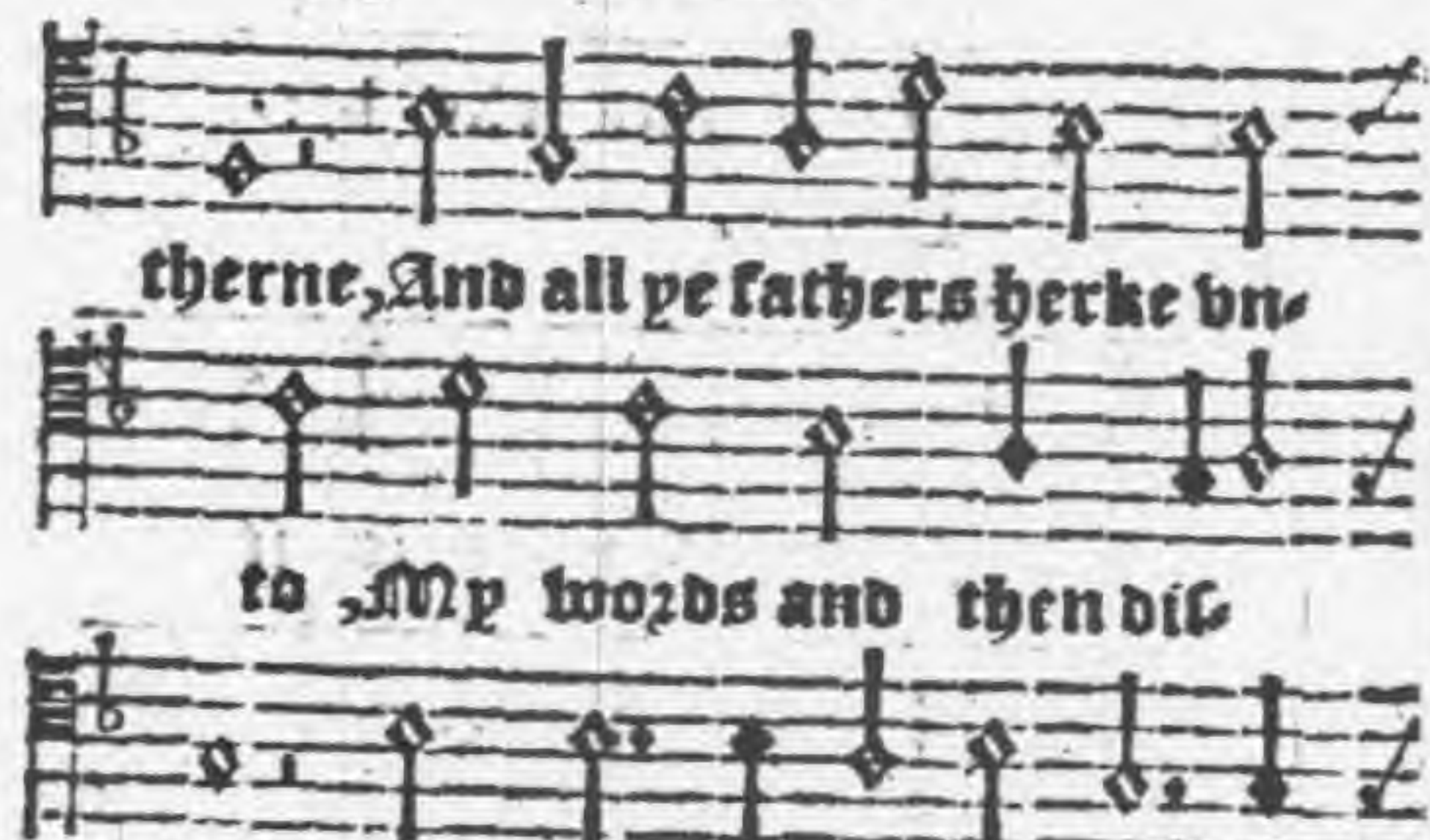
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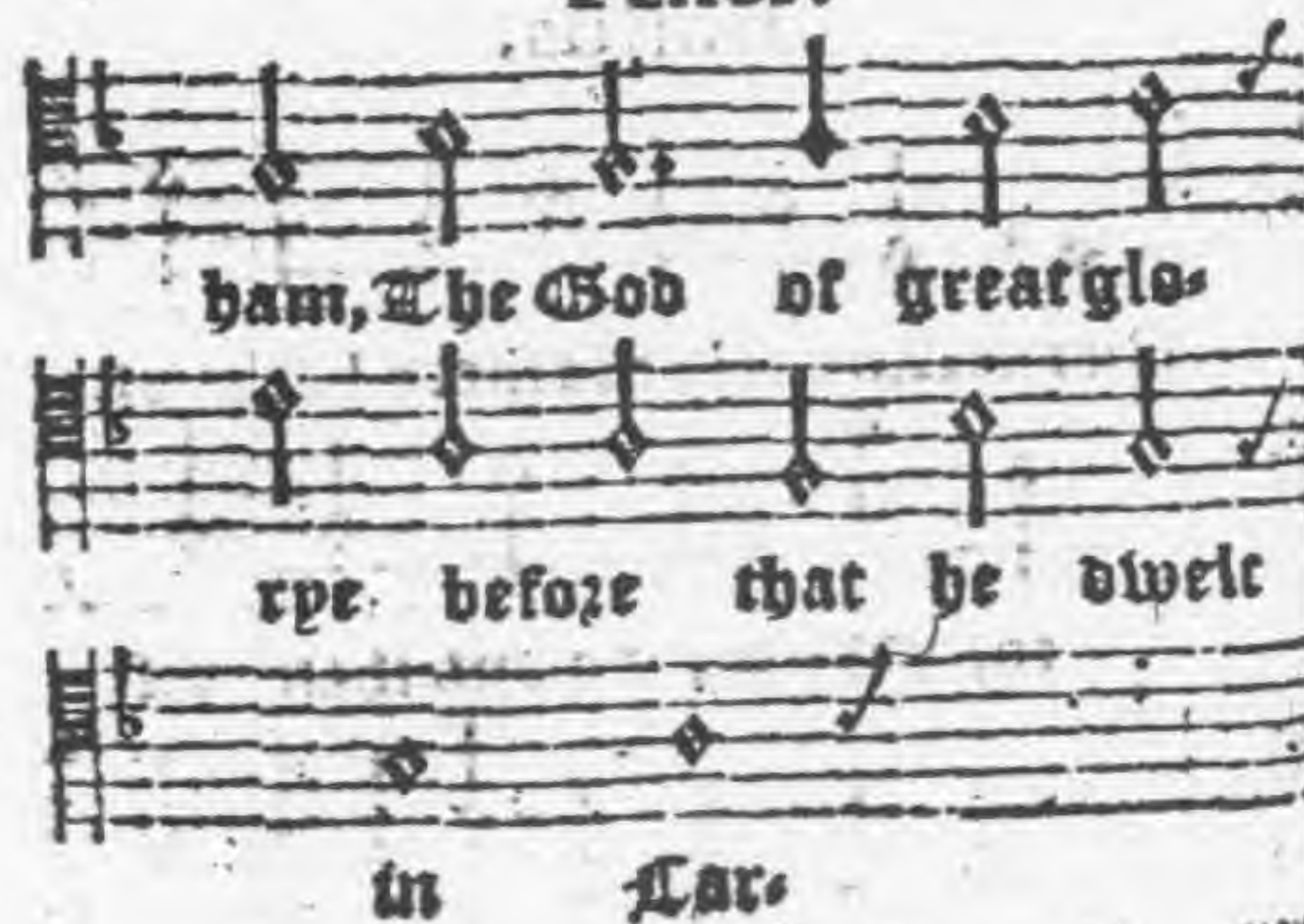
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In Mesopotamye.

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ran, In Mesopotamye.

Then sayd the chiefe, priest it is to
me men and eke betherne:
And all ye fathers hearken vnto
my wordes and then discern.

There dyd appeare, to Abraham
The God of great glorye:
Before that he dwelt in Carran
In Mesopotamye.

And sayd to hym, come out of hande
from thy kyn and contre:
Make hast and come, into the lande
whiche I shal shewe to thee.

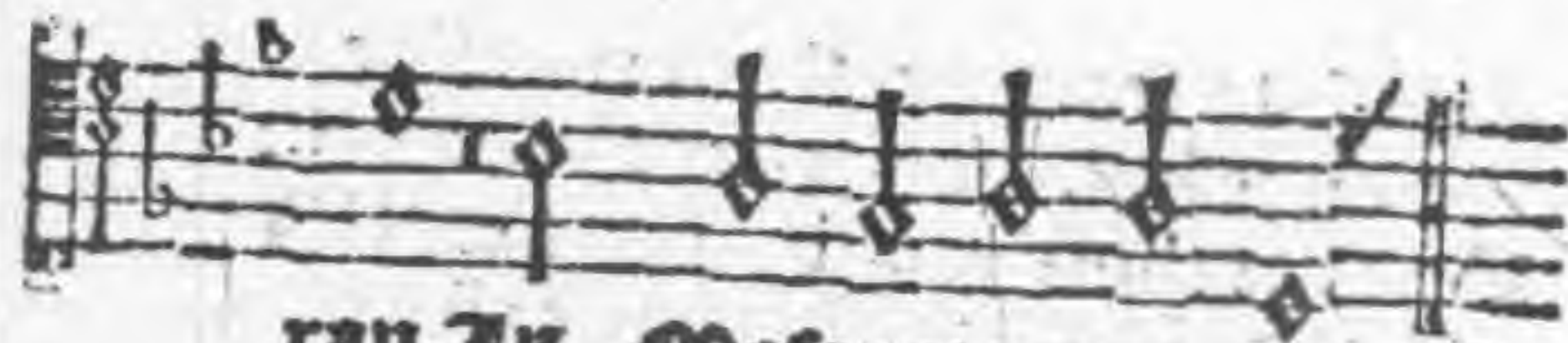
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Carran In Mesopotamye.

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ran, In Mesopotamye.

Out of the lande, then of Caldey
Retourned he with spede:
The Lords commaundement to obey
Dwelt in Carran in dede.

Soone after ye, shall vnderstande
As hys father was deade:
He brought him then, into the lande
where nowe your lyfe ye leade.

He gaue hym none, inheritaunce
Not one sote by birth by name:
But promysed, he woulde aduaunce
Hym to possesse the same.

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Beside all thys, yet neuerthelesse
A promise he made fr:
Unto hys seed, that to possesse
When yet no chylde had he.

God without dout, spake on thys wyse
Hys seed shoulde dwel and kepe:
With straungers, that shoulde them despise
And them in bondage kepe.

And so to scourge, them cruellye
Foure hundred yeres with rod:
But yet those people, soone wyl I
Judge sayth the luyngge God.

And after that, I wyl them plant
To serue me euery where:
And then he gaue, hym the couenant
Of circumcision there.

And he begat, Iake ryght soone
And dyd hym circumsise:
At the ryght daye, it was so done
And Iake in lyke wyse.

Begat Iacob, all thys is sure
And ryght well knowne of clarkes:
Howe that Iacob, by the scripture
Begat twelue Patriarkes.

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The Patriarks, then in their rage
Joseph to Egypt solde:
From all distress, in that blage
God dyd hym then with holde.

And gaue hym grace, and great wysdome
In Pharos lycht the Ryng:
Who dyd appoynt, hym in great Rome
To rule in euery thyng.

Then came a deth, in all the lande
Egypt and Canaan:
Therof the grise, coulde not withstande
Lackynge the foode of man.

Our fathers in, their scarpyte
Hauynge no sustenance:
In Egypt heard, that corne shoulde be
Iacob made puruance.

And first sent out, euen hys sonnes owne
The seconde tyme also:
To hys brethren, Joseph was knowne
And they eke to Pharo.

Then Joseph wolde, hys father dere
As he had well foresene:
And all his kyn, to be brought nere
Thre score soules and fyfene.

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Joseph to Egypt descended
And our fathers euen then:
Whiche died and were, all translated
Eche one into Sichem.

And were put in, the sepulchre
That Abraham bought fre:
For coone of the, sonnes of Emor
In Sichem layd to be.

And when the tyme, of promes drew
Nye which that God had sware:
To Abraham, the people grew
In Egypt that were borne.

Untyll another kynge arose
Whiche not of Joseph knewe
Full craftely, the same dyd close
Our kynred to subdue.

And dyd entreate, our fathers yll
And made them cast out playne:
Their children yonge, their lyues to spyll
That none shoulde there remaine:

And in that tyme, borne was Moyses
A fayre childe in Goddes syght:
Whiche in hys fathers, house dwelt
Thye monethes was fed a ryght.

And

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And then cast on, the water depe
The doughter of Pharo:
Dyd take hym vp, and dyd hym kepe
For her owne sonne also.

He was well sene, in the wyldome:
Of the Egyptians gyse:
Ryght stronge in dedes, he dyd become
And in hys wordes ryght wyse.

When he of age, was fourtye yere
Then in hys heart dyd dwell:
A loue to seke, hys betherne dere
Chyldren of Israell.

And when he sawe, one suffer wronge
Euen of hys brethren dere:
Hym to defende, he bode not longe
As ye shall after here.

He dyd the egypcian ouerthrow
That dyd hys brother smyghe:
Thynkynge hys brethren, well to know
And vnderstande a ryght.

That God the Lord, euen by his hande
Their lastye shoulde prepare:
Whiche none of them, dyd vnderstande
The foorpe doth declare.

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The next day then, he dyd aspyce
To stay them in their streys:
To make them frendes, was his desire
In loue to leade their lyfe.

And sayd to them, with wordes right wise
Eyth er the is others brother:
The sonder is, the enterpryse
For one to hurt another.

But he that dyd, hys neyghboure wronge
Thrust hym away sayinge:
Who made thee ruler, vs amonge
To rule in euery thyng.

I wel perceyue, thou wylt me kyll
As thou dydst yester day:
The Egyptian, hys bloude to spyll
And so make me away.

At those wordes Moyses, fled anone
As he thought best to do:
Into the lande, of Madian
Where he gat sonnes two.

When forty yeres were past awaye
An Angel dyd recorde:
In wyldernes, of mounte Synaye
To hym from God the Lorde.

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With in a flame, of burninge fyre
Which lyghted in a bush:
And caused Moyses, to drawe nere
To see that fyre thus.

And as he drew, nye to beholde
The voyce of God downe came:
Which sayd to him, with wordes ful bolde
Thy fathers God I am.

I am the God, of Abraham
The Lorde vnto hym sayde:
Isacke and Jacobs, God I am
Which Moyses soze desmaide

He trembled and, durst not drawe nere
Suche feare on hym dyd fall:
Then sayd the Lorde, now Moyses here
And marke what say I shall.

Put of thy shoese, euen out of hande
Let it be done with spede:
The grounde wheron, thy fete do stande
Is holy grounde in dede.

Myght perfectely, I do nowe see
The heynnes appere:
Of my flocke that, in Egypt be
And eke their growng chere.

And

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And I am come, them to defend
And saue for euer moze:
Wherfore beholde, I do thee send
Into Egypt therfore.

This is Moyses, to whome they sayde
Who make the here a ruler:
The same God sent, to them for ayde
To rule and che deliuer.

Even by the handes, of the Angell
Which in the bushe dyd lycht:
The same brought them, out passing well
And shewed straunge thinges in lycht.

In Egypt wonders, dyd appere
And in the red see flete:
In wilderness, men saw thinges clere
Full forty yeres complete.

This is Moyses, the whiche dyd tell
And also make report:
To the childzen, of Israell
These wordes of much comfort.

A prophete shall, the Lorde for ye
Kaye by ryght good and iust
Even of your brethzen, lyke to me
Whom shall ye heare and trust.

And

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And in the congregacion
Thys Moyses was doubtles:
And hearde the voyce, of God alone
Even in the wilderness.

Whiche then dyd talke, assuredlye
With changel of the Lorde:
Upon mounte Synay, certaynlye
Our fathers doth recozde:

The worde of lyfe, receyved he
To geue to vs was sent:
Our fathers wolde, in no wyse be
To hym obedient.

But thrust him from, them with despyght
Their heartes turned echeone:
Into Egypt, to go with myght
And sayde vnto Aron.

Make gods for vs, both moze and les
For we can not discus:
What is become, of thys Moyses
That from Egypt brought vs.

To make a Calfe, thys was their choise
And offered sacrifice:
Unto the same, and dyd reioyse
In that their owne deuyse.

Then

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Then turned God, from their cruelties
And gaue them vp with threates:
To worship starres, wpth in the skye
Foresayde of the prophetes.

O ye the house, of Israell
Gause me your Sacrifices:
Meate offeryns fortye yeres to tell
Wpth in the wilderness.

Soone dyd ye take, and not deserre
The tabernacle than:
Of Moloch ye, and eke the starre
Of your great God Remphan.

Figures to whome, oft ye dyd voto
And worship them eche one:
Wherefore I will, translate all you
Beyond great Babylon.

The tabernacle, our fathers had
Within the wilderness:
As he appoynted and them had
Speakynge vnto Moyses.

That he shuld make, it according
As he before dyd see:
The which our fathers receyvinge
Brought in with Josue.

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Into the lande, of the gentyls
Whiche God draue out and chyd:
Before our fathers as cryls.
I'll the tyme of Dauid.

Whiche fauour found, with God & Lorde
Despyng then that he:
Myght fynde an house, of mete accorde
For Jacobs God to be.

An house for hym, buylt Salomon
But yet the best I ken:
Dwelthe not in temples, made of stone
Wrought by the hands of men.

As he declareth, by hys writ
The Prophet sayinge this:
Heauen is my seat, where on I sit
The earth my fote stole is.

What house then wyl, ye me beheld
Sayth God tell you I shall:
Whiche is the place, then of my rest
Nath not my hande made all.

Ye styffe necke all, both least and most
With heartes and ears ye seke:
Still to resist, the holy Ghost
As dyd your fathers eke.

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The prophetes all, your fathers loze
Nedes persecute them must:
And eke he w them, which taught befoze
The commynge of the iust.

Whose murtherers, and traytours now
Ye are and to them knit:
The Angels gaue, the lawe to you;
And ye haue not kept it.

When they hearde thys, great was their
Their heartes did cleaue in two: (grefe
Gnashynge on hym, even with their tethe
And knewe not what to do:

He was ful of, the holy ghost
Hys eyes to heauen dyd stande:
Which sawe the gloze, of the Lorde
And Christ on hys ryght hande.

And sayde beholde, the heauens I se
Appere for my lyuelod:
And eke the sonne, of man to be
At the ryght hande of God.

Then they cryde out, with roynge voyce
And stopt their eares and bzeche:
Thus in their rage, they toke their choyce
And stoned hym to deathe

The

The.vij.Chapter.

The witnesses, their clothes downe layde
Then at a mans fete euen: (sayde
Whose name was Saule, which then as
With them to stone good Steuen.

Which cryde and sayd, Lord Christ Iesu
Receyue my spzite thys dape:
He kneeled downe, all thys is trew
And on thys wyse dyd saye.

Laye not thys synne, Lord to their charge
Thus he dyd call and clepe:
Of that their sonne, them to discharge
And so he fell a slepe.

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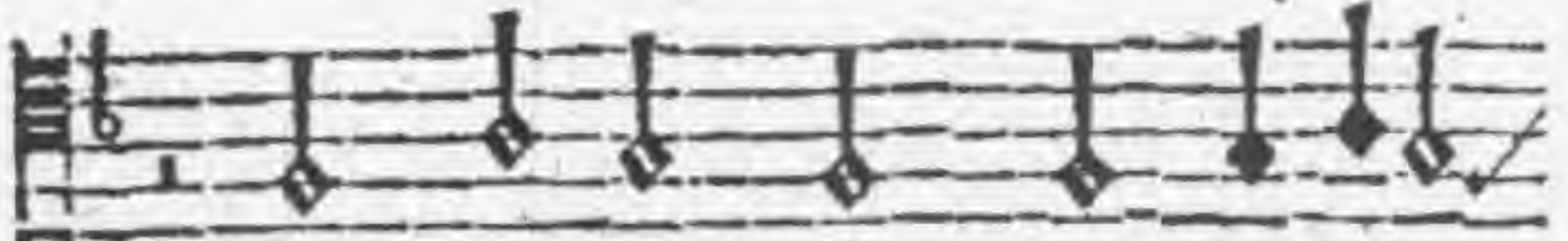
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Simon the vvhycher dyd fayne:
Philip dyd baptyse vvyllinglye
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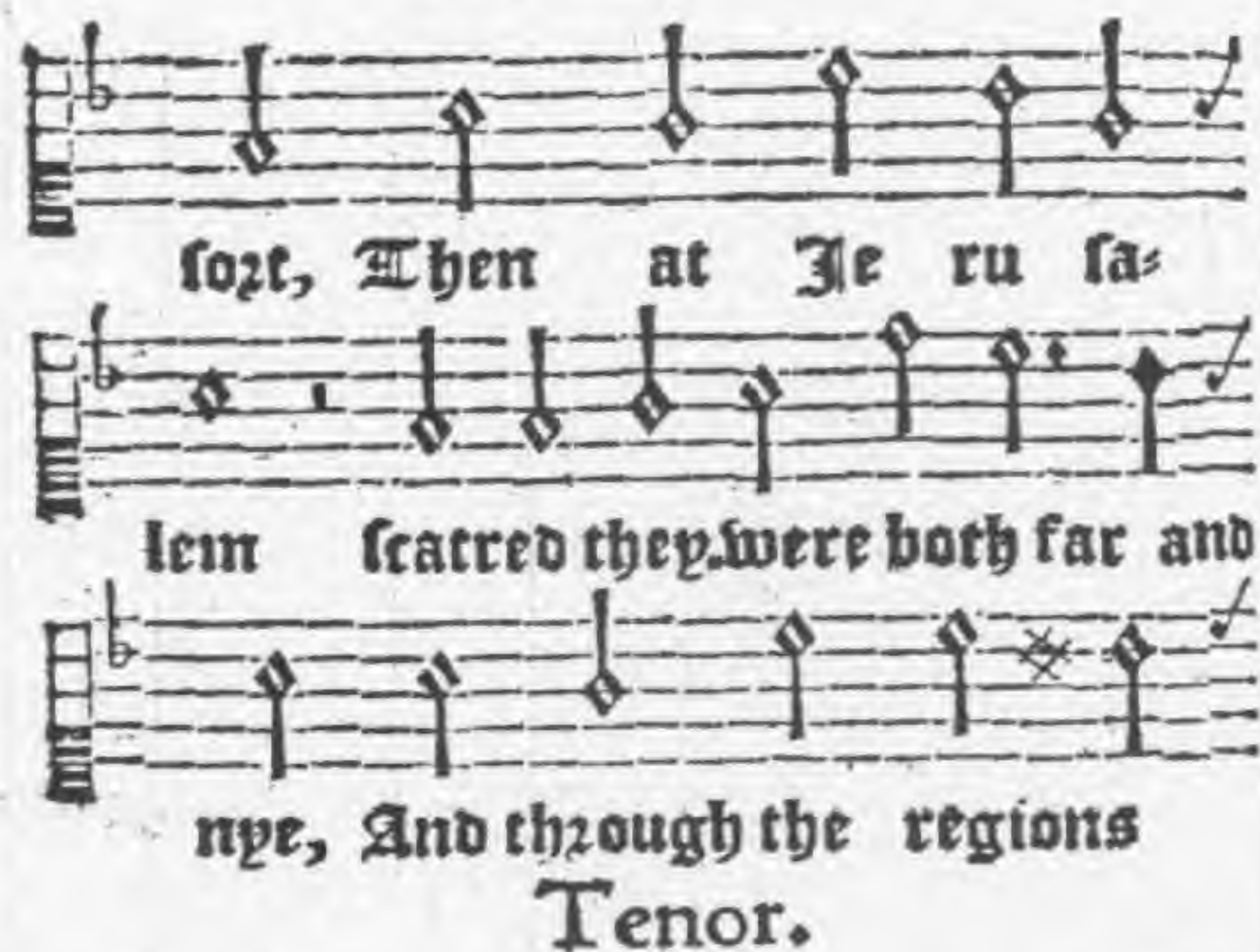


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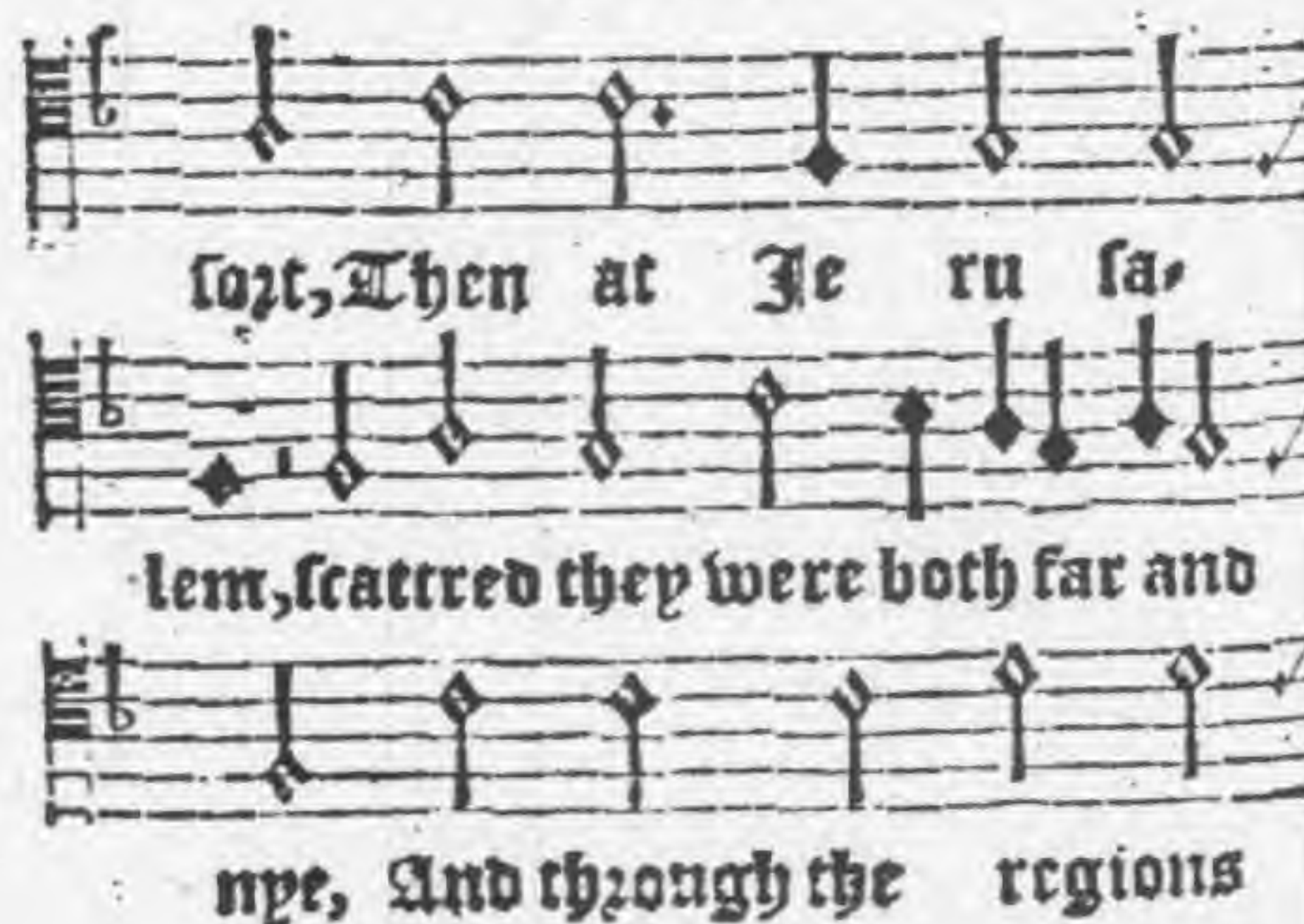


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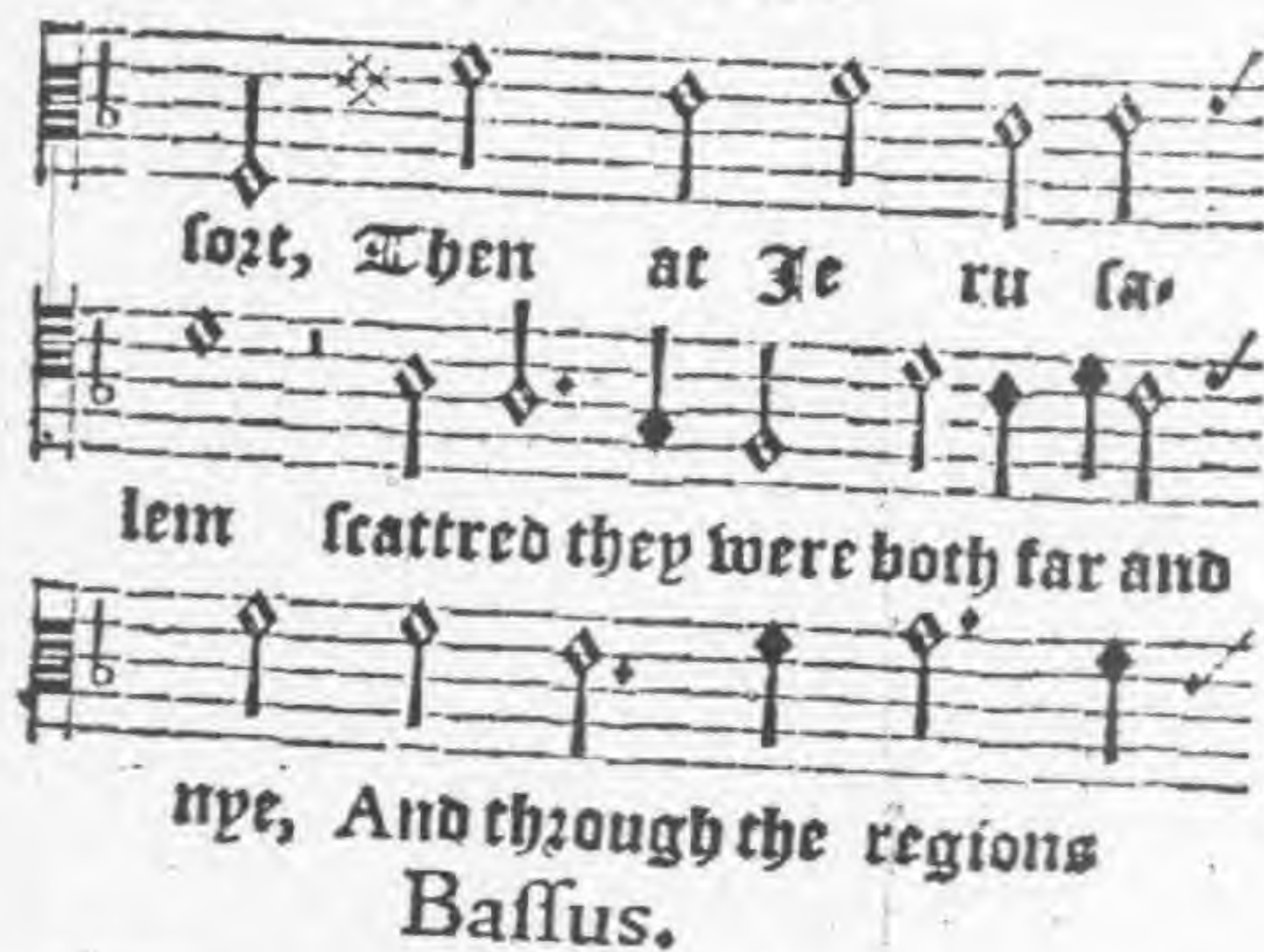


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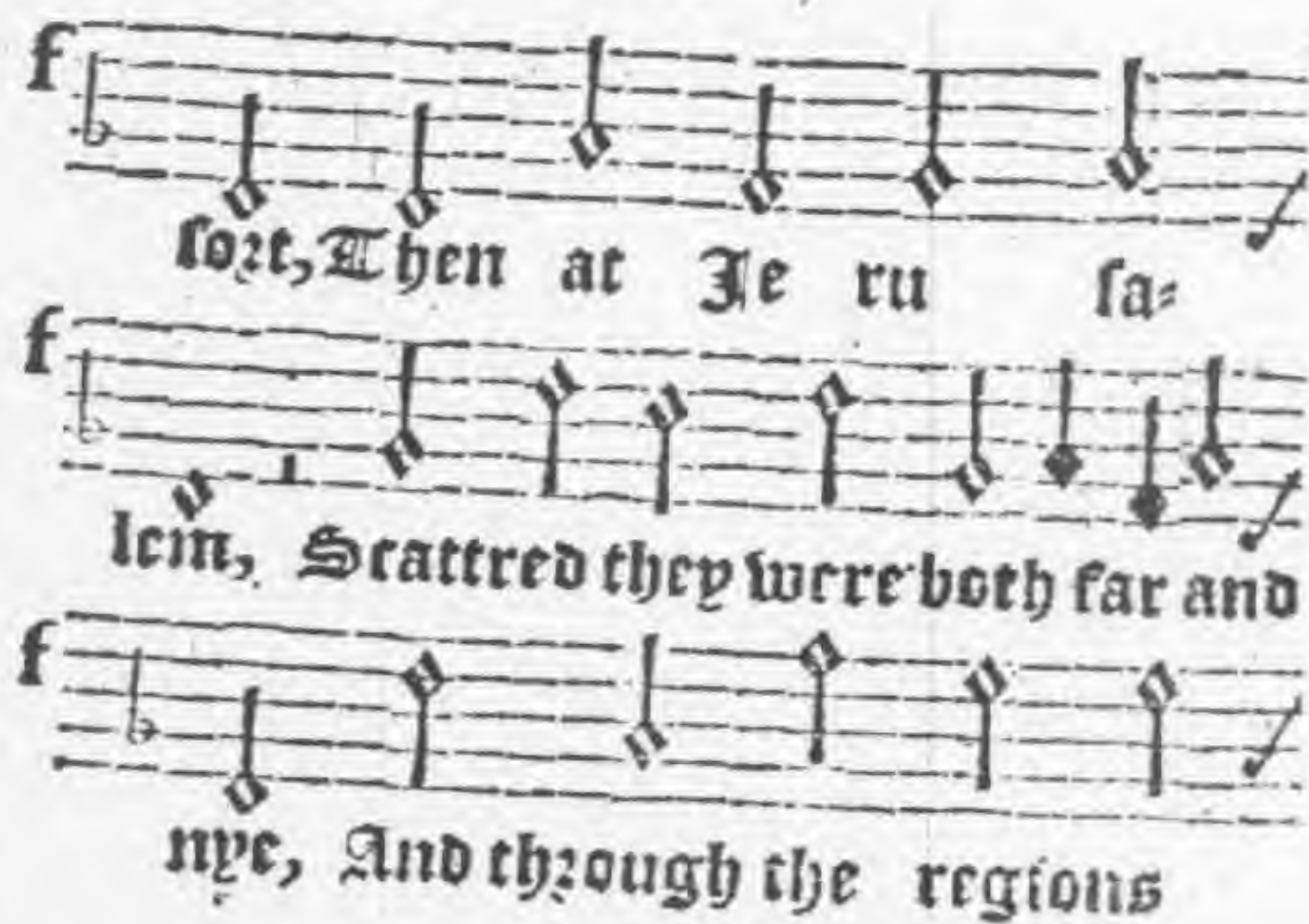


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That would haue Hayne, the godlye
Then at Ierusalem. (forte

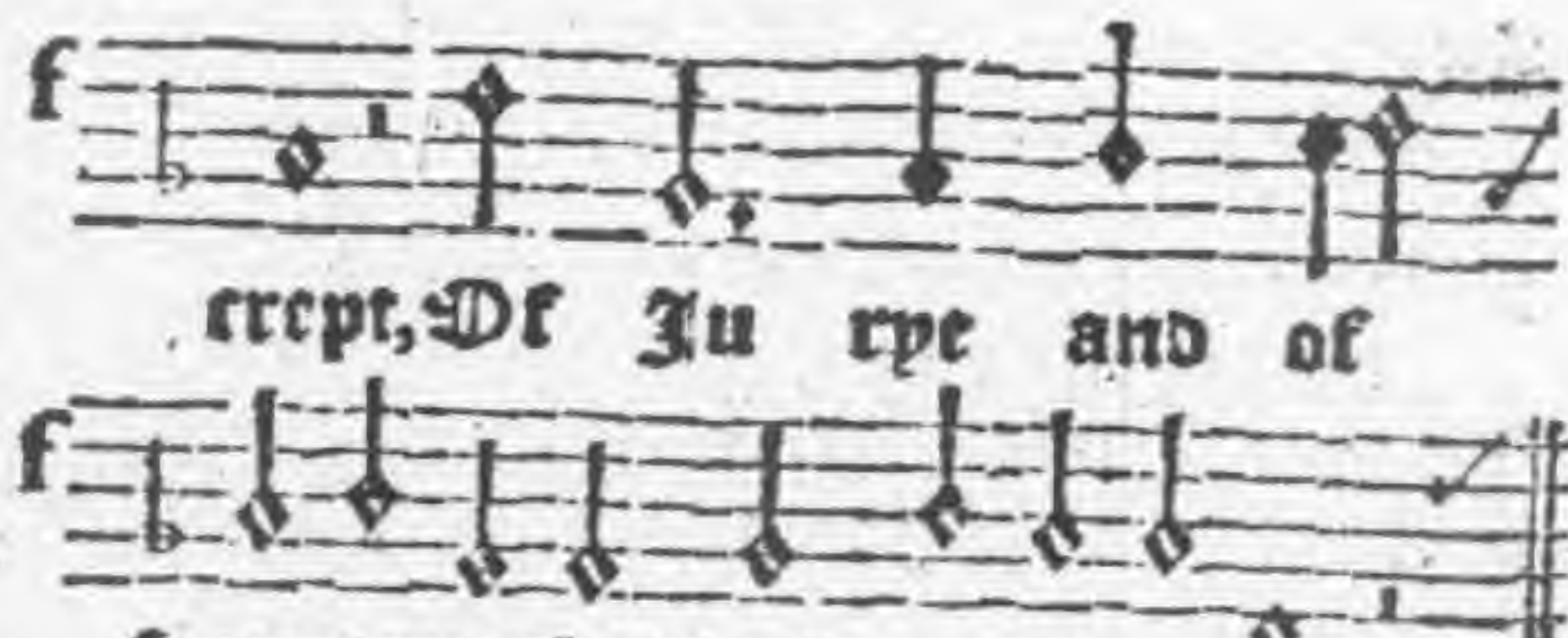
Scattered they were, both far and nye
And throug the regions crept:

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Countertenor.



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Samarpe the twelue onely except.

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The twelue onely except.

Deuote there were, that dressed Steuen
Of whome stones brake eche lym:
Besydes their oymmentes, to hym genen
They dyd wepe oyer hym.

But

The.viii. Chapter.

But of the congregacion than
Saul spared no mans lyfe:
But sought the house, of euery man
And drew out man and wyfe.

In prysen fast, he dyd them place
But those that went about:
Dyd preache the worde, of lyfe and grace
Euen as they went throught.

And Philippe came, a cytye to
which was of Samarye:
And preached Christ, as he to do
Had power geuen from an hye.

The people then, with one accord
Hys words ryght well out sought:
In that they sawe, that God the Lorde
Straunge thynges by hym had wrought.

For vncleane sprites, with roynge voyce
Came out of sundrye men:
That were posselt, and had no choyse
But cald on Philip then.

The palseyes he, dyd heale also
And therof was not coye:
The halte he heald, that coude not go
In whome became great ioye.

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The.viii. Chapter.

A certayne man, there was whose name
was Simon truth to tell:
Which here tofore, the very same
In witchcraft dyd excell.

Altho the people, bewyght to fore
That dwelt in Samarye:
And eke reposte, he coude do moze
Great thynges miraculoulye.

He was had in, great reuerence
Of all that there abode:
Whiche sayde no dout, he doth commence
The myghtye power of God.

Because of hys, continuance
By hym they set muche bye:
He mocked them, and dyd aduance
Hym selfe with sorcerye.

When Philip's words, they dyd wel be-
who taught of Gods kyngdome:
And in the name, of Christ Iesu
Baptised they dyd become.

Simon hym selfe, dyd then belue
And baptised was also:
Abdyngge still, by Philip's newe
And woulde not from hym go.

But

The.viii. Chapter

But wondred much, then to beholde
The signes that he dyd see:
And miracles, so manifolde
By Philip done to be.

The apostles hearing, that were glad
Then at Jerusalem:
That Samarie, receyued had
The worde of God to them.

And sent Peter, and John aright
To them in to that coast:
Who when they came, prayde that they
Receyue the holy Ghost. (myght)

Which was as yet, on them not come
That shoulde them all renew:
Baptised they were, both all and some
Onely in Christ Iesu.

Then dyd they lay, their handes right
On them both lest and most: (soone
And eche man dyd, when that was done
Receyue the holpe gost.

When Symon dyd, beholde and se
By handes that they dyd laye:
The holy ghost, receyue myght he
He offered them money.

And

The.viii. Chapter.

And sayde also, geue me thys powre
On whome my handes shall lye:
He may receyue, even in that houre
The holy ghost ther by.

Then Peter sayd, whose wordes abhorde
Thy goodes nowe peryshe with the:
That thinkst the gistes, of God the Lorde
With goodes well gotten be.

Thou hast no parte, nor felowshipp
In thys our busynes:
Thy harte away, from God doth flyp
Repent thy wyckednes.

And praye to God, thy thoughtes may fall
That in thy heart now be:
For thou art full, of bytter gall
Wapt in inquite.

Then Simon sayde, for thys my mis
Lyst vp your heartes with me:
And pray to God, that none of this
Unto my charge layde be.

And when that they, had testifyde
And caught the worde to them:
They dyd retorne, that tyme and tyde
Unto Jerusalem.

And

The.viii. Chapter.

And they dyd preache, the Gospell still
In Cities as they went:
Through Samarie, as was the will
Of hym that had them sent.

The angell of, the Lorde dyd saye
To Philyp and hym lede:
Arise and go, towardees myddaye
Unto the waye wyth spede.

That gothe downe from, Ierusalem
To Gaza in desert:
And he arose, and went on then
Euen wyth a louyng heart.

And now he beholde, a man certayne
Of Ethiopia:
Which was a noble Chamberlayne
Then comyng from Gaza.

He had the rule, of great Substans
Euen wyth the Quene Candace:
Quene of the Ethiopians
Her tresorer he was.

Ierusalem sayne he woulde get
Onelye therein to praye
He homeward red, in his Charet
Of the prophet Esaye.

The

The.viii. Chapter.

The spirit of God, to Philip sayde
Go nere to ponder man:
And ioyne thy selfe, to hym for ayde
And Philip to hym ran.

He sawe the booke, then in his hande
And heard him on it rede:
And sayde doste thou, now vnderstande
What thou doste rede in dede.

The Chamberlayne, the truth dyd tell
And sayde he well espyde:
He coulde not vnderstande it well
Except he had a gyde.

Of Philip then, full fayne he wert
And wolde him to drawe nere:
And spt wyth hym, to playne the text
That he of hym dyd here.

The Tenor of, the text certayne
Was this that he dyd saye:
He as a shepe, led to be slayne:
And as a Lambe downe laye.

Before his therer, wyth meknes,
His mouth not once vnsparde:
Because of that, his humblenes
They dyd hym not regarde.

Who

The.viii. Chapter.

who shall declare, and eke expound
His generation playne:
His lyfe is taken, from the ground,
Then sayde the Chamberlayne.

I praye the frende, be thou content
To open yf thou can:
The prophets wordes, by hym selfe ment
Or by sum other man.

Philip opened, his mouth so pure
The truetb then to discus:
And dyd begyn, the same scripture
And taught hym Christ Iesus.

And as they went, styll on their waye
A water he dyd spye:
The Chamberlayne, to hym dyd saye
Se here thys water bye.

What shal me let, baptysed to be
Then Philip to hym sayde:
Yf thou beleue, wyth heart ryght fre
Thou mayst not be denyde.

He answered him, I do beleue
That Christe is God his sonne:
Wyllynge the Charet, not to meue,
I yf that good wozt were donne.

They

The.viij. Chapter.

They with good wyll, went doone bothe
And in the water were: (twayne
Bothe Philip and, the Chamberlayne
Whom Philip baptised there.

This done they dyd, come out agayne
The spzite of Godly loze:
Toke Philip from, the chamberlayne
He coulde see him no moze.

Then on hys waye, he passed thus
Retorsynge in hys heart.
And Philip was founde, at Azotus
The people to conuert.

And he dyd walke, the contrey styll
Preachynge continuallye:
In all their cytyes, taught vntyll
He came to Cesarye.

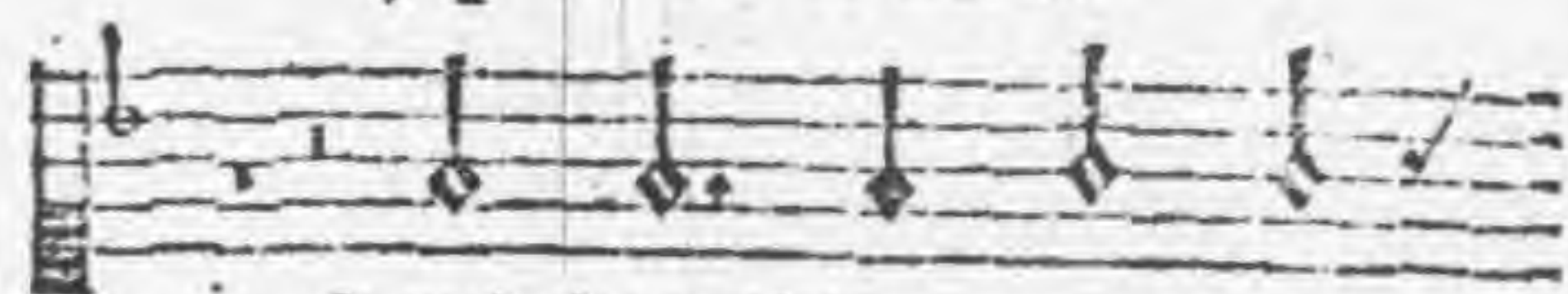
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The lues he dothe confounde:
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VVhen she lay deade on grounde.

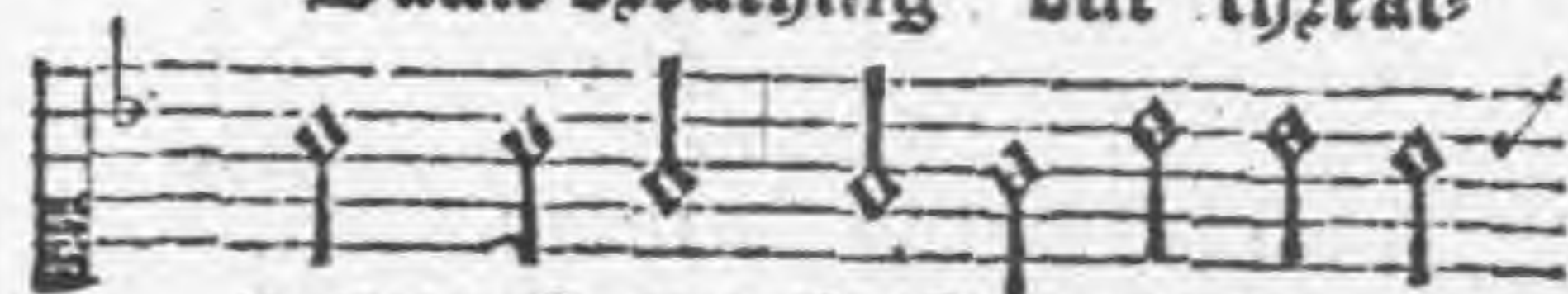
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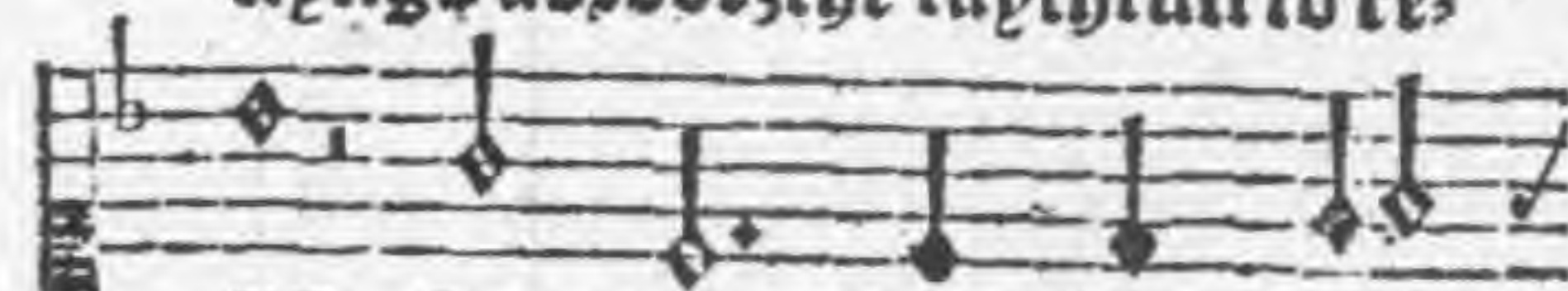
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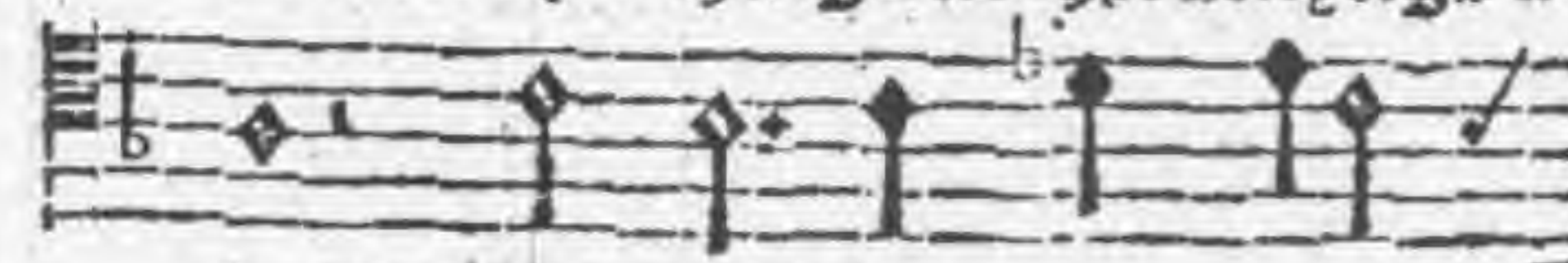
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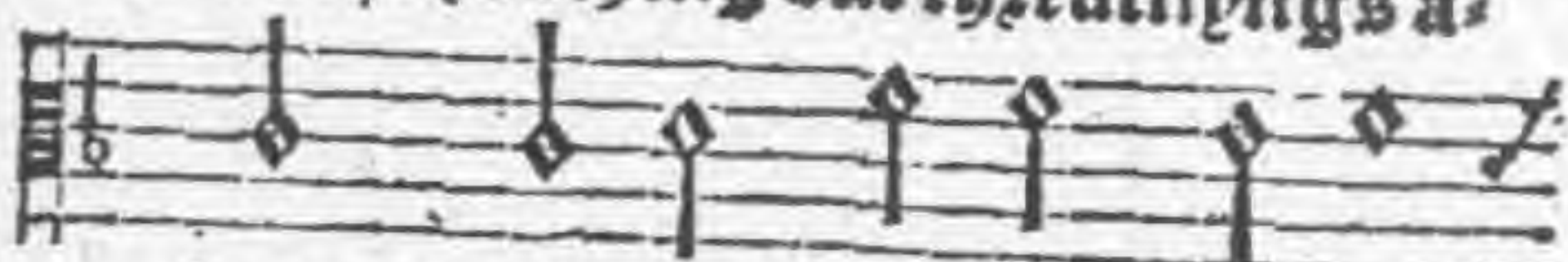


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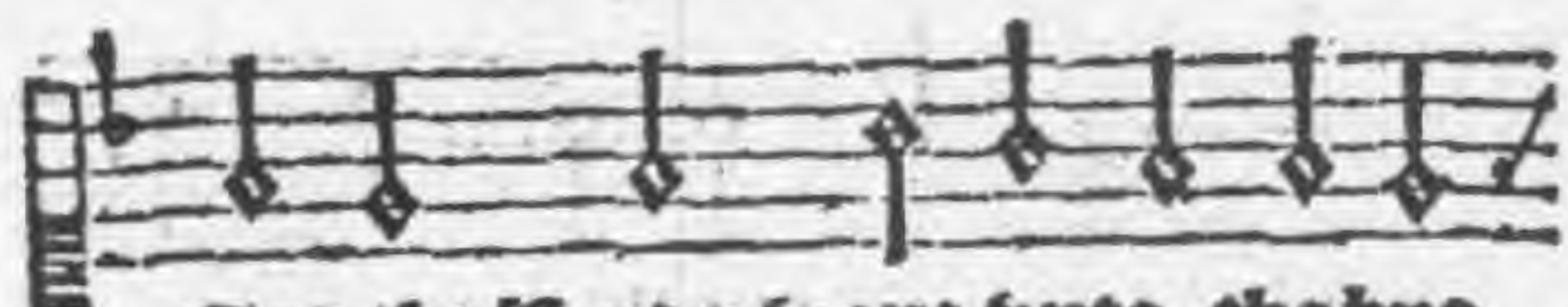
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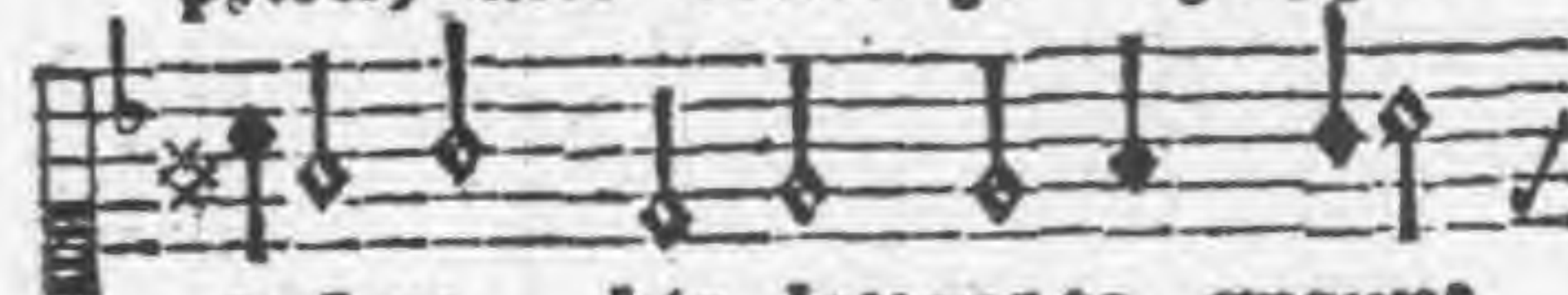
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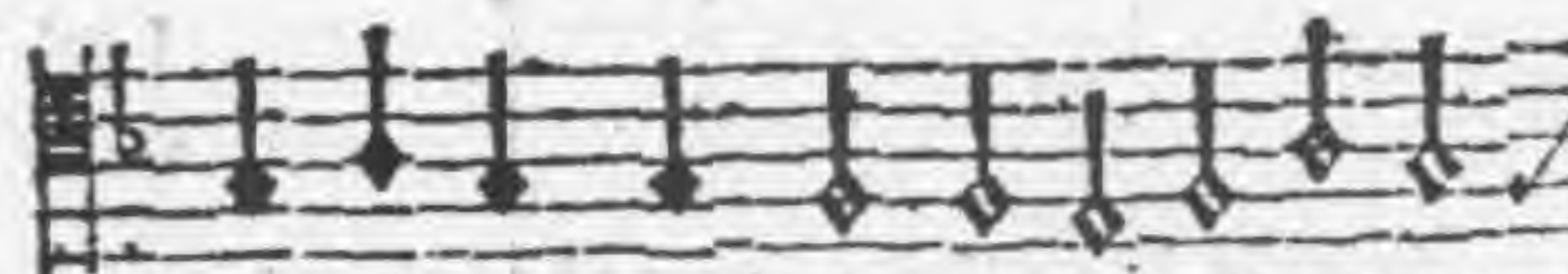


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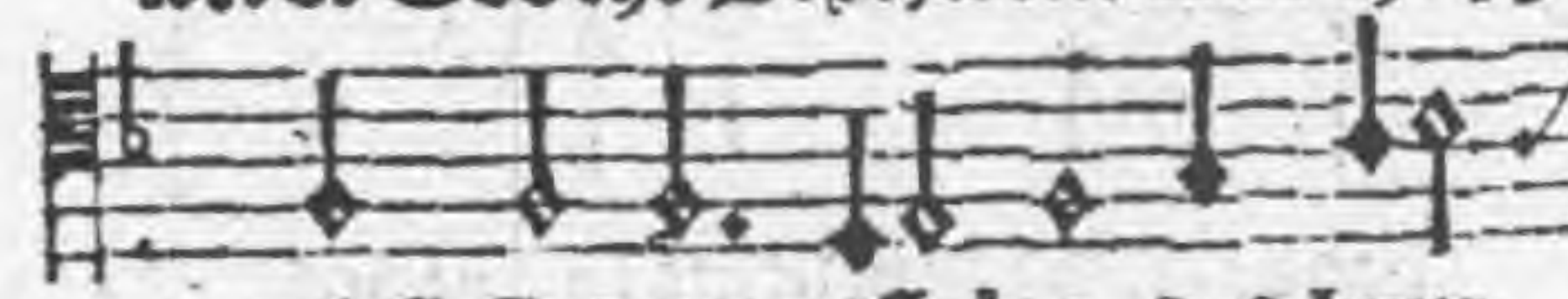


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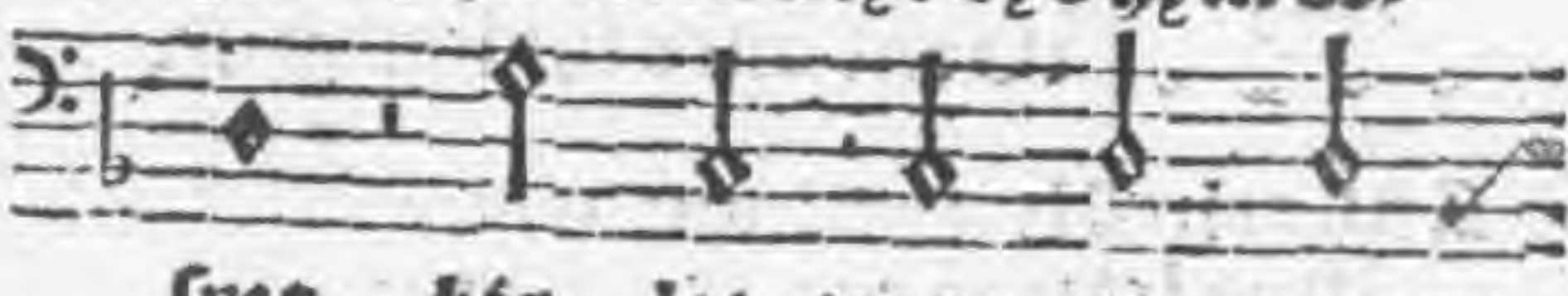
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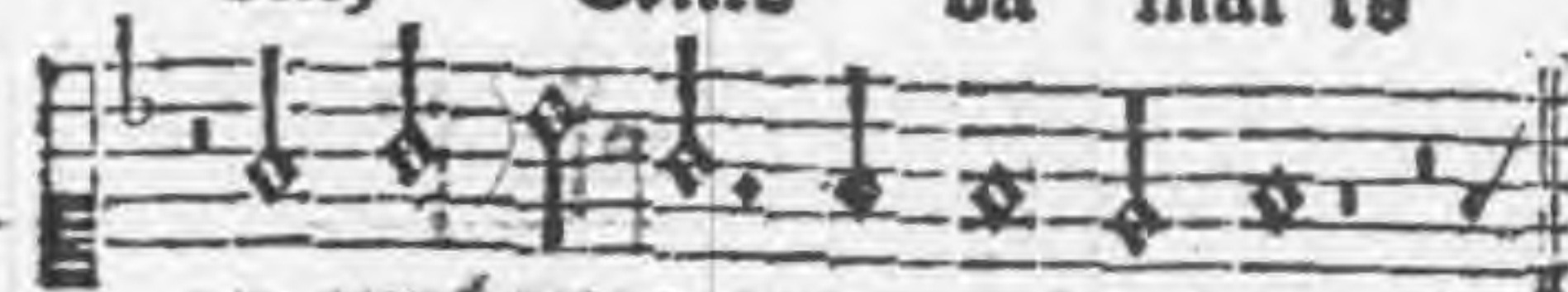
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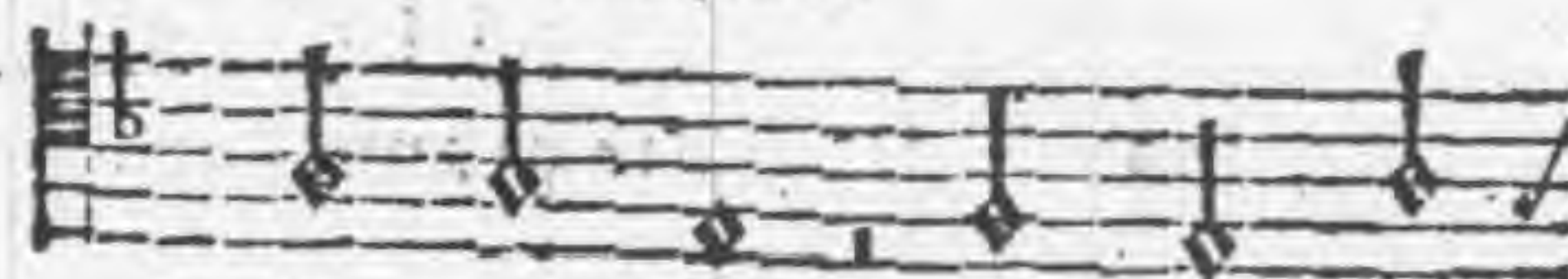


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Tenor.



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Sule breathing out, the earnestnes
The saythful to resist: (abzode
Agaynst the elect, of God & Lozde
Went vnto the hye prist.

And earnestly, dyd hym desyre
Hys letters to graunt out:

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Countertenor.



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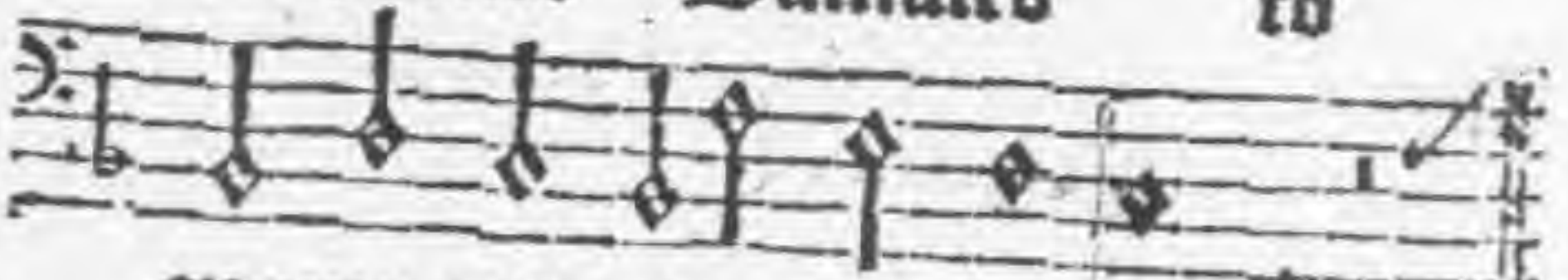


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Bassus.



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The Synagoges about.

To fynde such as, on Christ beleues
Man or woman of them:
That he might bring, the bound as theyes
Unto Ierusalem.

Th.iiii. But

The. ix. Chapter.

But as he went, and was come nye
Damasco for thys thynge:
He was beset, then sodaynye
With lyght from heauen thynnyng.

And strayght vnto, the earth fell he
And heard a voyce recozde:
Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me
He sayde what art thou Lorde.

Then sayde the Lorde, Iesus I am
Whome thou dost tolle and tozne:
It wyll be harde, for thee mad man
Agaynst the prycke to spozne.

He tremblyng then, sayde on thys wyse
Lorde what wilt thou I do:
And then the Lorde, bad hym aryse
The cite go in to.

And ther it shall, be tolde to thee
Men hearynge ther this noyce:
Amased were, that no man see
But hearde a certayne voyce.

And Saul arose, then from the grounde
Hys eyes he then opened:
And sawe no man, but hearde the sounde
Of suche as hym then led.

who

The. ix. Chapter.

Who brought hym then, to Damasco
Thre dayes hys syght was blancket:
He sawe no lyght, great was hys wo
He neither ate noz dranke.

A certayne discipyle, there was
That at Damasco lay:
Who was named, Ananias
The Lorde to hym byd say.

Ananias, worke myne aduice
Here Lorde he byd repeate
And then the Lorde, bad hym arise
And go into the streete.

Whiche streete is called strayght in dede
And further moze, do thus
In Judas house, looke thou with spede
For one Saul of Tharsus

Beholde he prayth, and he hath sene
A vision brought to pas:
Wherin appeared, as it had bene
The man Ananias.

Who as he thought, to hym drew nere
To helpe hys heauye plyght:
And by hys handes, as myght appere
He shoulde receyue hys syght,

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Then

The. ix. Chapter.

Then answerd he, the Lorde direct
And made of Saule complayntes:
Howe he had delt, with hys elect
In Iury that were sayntes.

And here he hath, authorite
From the hys priestes to stave:
And bynde all those, that call on thee
The Lorde to hym dyd save.

Go on thy wayes, and do these thynges
For he is geuen to me:
To beare my name, before all kynges
And where the Gentyls be.

And eke chyldren, of Israell
For I wyl hym betake
To suffer great thynges, passynge well
Onelye for my names sake.

Ananias, went on hys waye
And vnto Saule dretwe nere:
And eke hys handes, on hym dyd laye
And sayde Saule brother dere.

The Lorde that dyd, appeare to thee
In the hys wayes so bryght:
Hath sent me now, to make thee see
Wherfore receyue thy syght.

The

The. ix. Chapter.

The holy ghost, shal thee ludyke
And fyll thee with good tales:
And the fel thynges, downe from hys eyes
Lyke as they had bene scales.

He dyd receyue, hys syght certayne
So dyd he then baptyzm:
And eke dyd eat, his meate agayne
Whiche dyd well comforte hym.

And certayne dayes, Saule would not go
But kept with the elect:
Whiche then abode, at Damasco
The sayth there to erect.

Saule preached Christ, with heart ryght
The synagoges dyd vse: (fre
Avouchynge Christ, Gods sonne to be
That all make dyd muse.

Some sayde is not, thys man the same
That latelpe spoyled them:
Whiche then dyd call, on Christ his name
Euen at Jerusalem.

And also came, for thys entent
If any suche he founde:
Before thygh priest, them to conuict
And eke to brynge them bounde.

But

The. ix. Chapter

But Saule in strength, encreased so
The Jewes he dyd resist:
Whiche then dyd dwel, at Damasco
Affirminge verye Christ.

Within a whyle, Saule preachynge styll
Whose wordes abroad were blowne:
The Jewes toke, counsel him to kyll
The whiche to Saule was knowne.

They dyd laye wayte, both day and nyght
And on the gates dyd watche:
Full cruelly, agaynst all ryght
Thys lyfe then to dispatche.

But the disciples, knowynge all
Their purpose then to tell:
By nyght they put, him throughe y wall
Downe in a great basket.

When he came to, Jerusalem
Disciples beynge there:
He sayed to iohne, hym selfe to them
But they dyd hym muche feare.

And scarfly woulde, beleue that God
Thys thynge in hym had wrought:
But Barnabas that there abod
Hym to chappelles brought,

And

The. ix. Chapter.

And dyd declare, to them also
That sene the Lorde he had:
In the hye way, as he dyd go
And what the Lorde hym bad.

And how he had, ryght boldly done
The synagoges througheout:
In preachynge Christ, to be Gods forme
Damasco rounde about.

And then he had, the company
Of them with ryght good wyll:
And in the cite, taught boldly
The name of Jesus styll.

And he dyd speake, and eke dispute
Euen with the Grekes certayne:
He stoutly stode, them to confute
And they wolde him haue slayne.

But when the brethzen dyd espye
They would haue slayne hym thus:
They brought him vnto Cesarpe
And sent hym to Tharsus.

Then dyd the congregacion lye
Throughe Jewry al at rest:
And Galile, and Samarye
Were edified and blest.

The

The. ix. Chapter.

The feare of God, they dyd support
In eche countrey and cost:
They multiplyd, in the comfozt
Euen of the holye ghost.

And it chaunced, as Peter went
And of all countreys felt:
The Lorde vnto, the saintes him sent
Which then at Lidda dwelt.

A man he founde, of heauye there
Whose name was Eneas:
The which had kept, his bed, vntill yere
Sicke of the Palsy was.

Eneas then, dyd Peter saye
Christ Iesus comfozt thee:
Arise and make, thy bed strayght waye
And then arise dyd he.

And al Lidda, and Assaron
Of this doth beare recorde:
Which saw the man, and ther vpon
Dyd tourne vnto the Lorde.

There was a woman, at Joppa
A disciple she was:
Whose name was called, Tabitha
Which is to saye Dorcas,

Full

The. xi. Chapter.

Full of good woorkes, she was alwayes
And eke in almes tryed:
It chaunced so, euen in those dayes
That she was sycke and dyed.

When they had washt, her certaynlye
And in her Chamber layde:
Because Lidda, was Joppa nye
Then the disciples sayde.

That Peter was, then at Lidda
And sent one to report:
That their desyre, was to Joppa
He shoulde to them resort.

Peter arose, and quicklye sought
For them that Dorcas kept:
Into the Chamber, they hym brought
Where all the wydowes wept.

And shewed suche roates, as she dyd make
And also dyd conuert:
Unto their vse, for Christ hys sake
And Peter sayde depart.

He kneled downe, and eke dyd praye
And on the dead dyd crye:
Tabitha nowe, arise I saye
And she lyst by her eye.

And

The.x. Chapter.

And when she sawe, Peter there stande
Her selfe she dyd by raple:
And then he toke her by the hande
And lyft her by straght wayse.

Unto the sayctes, and widowes then
A lyne he brought her out:
And it was knowne, unto all men
In Joppa rounde about.

And manye that, were then amonge
Believed then eche where:

Meane.



Then was ther one Corne l'

Tenor.



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And

The.x. Chapter.

And he abode, in Joppa longe
With Simon Tanner there.

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The contentes.

HO V V E Peter savve, the vision playn
And then the Lorde sent hym:
To Cornelye the good Captayne
The Heathen receaue Baptym.

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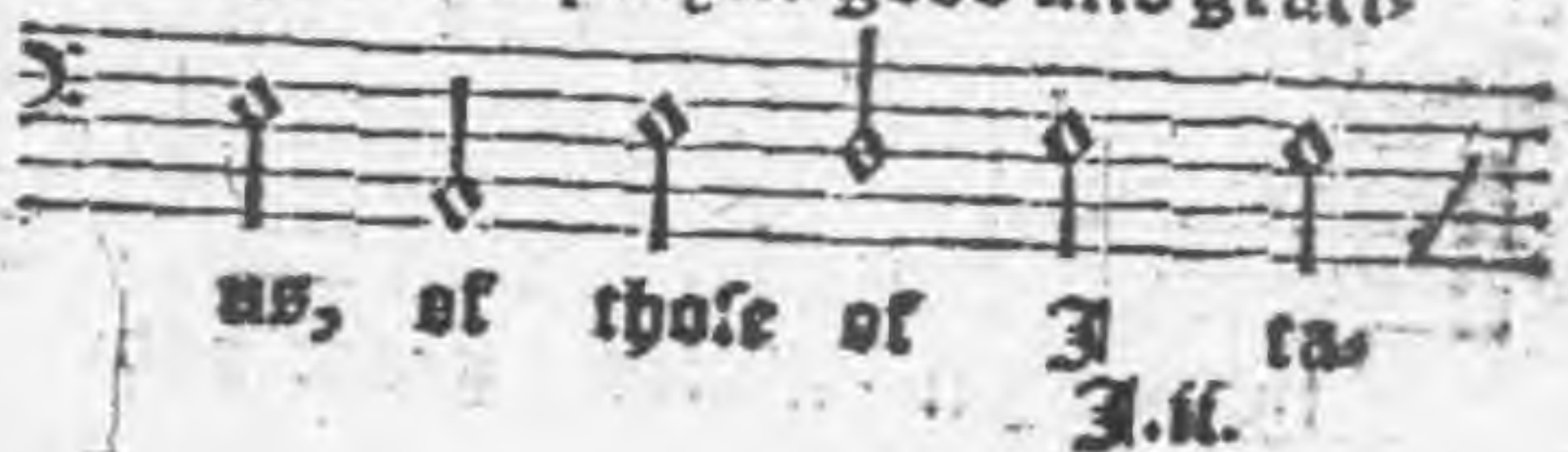
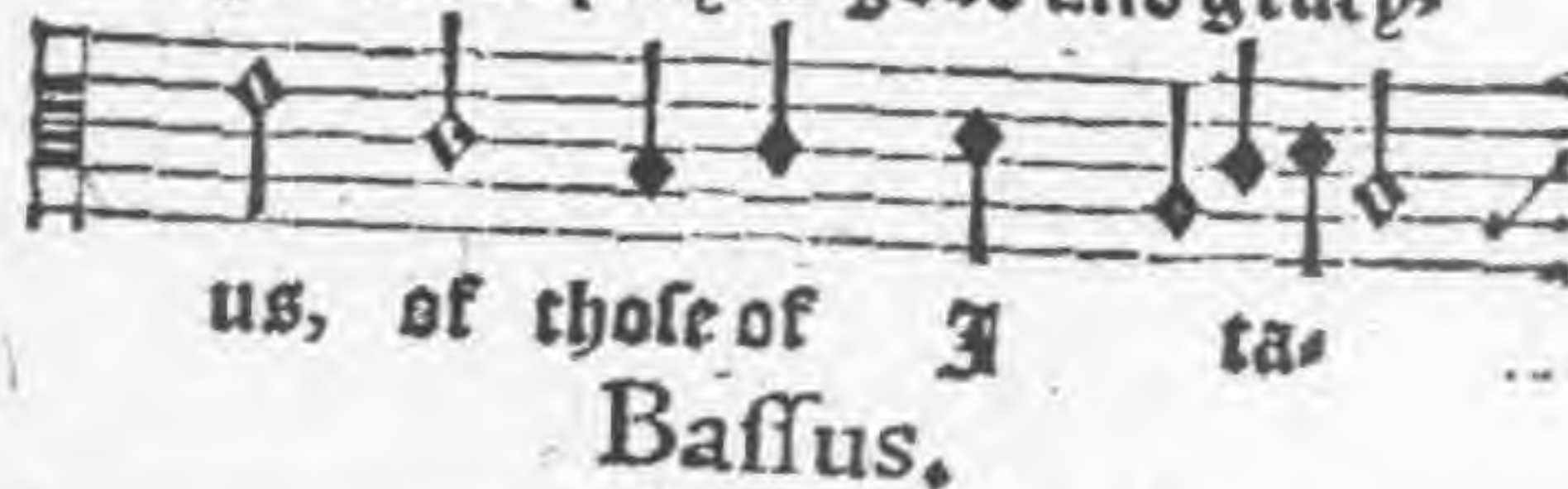
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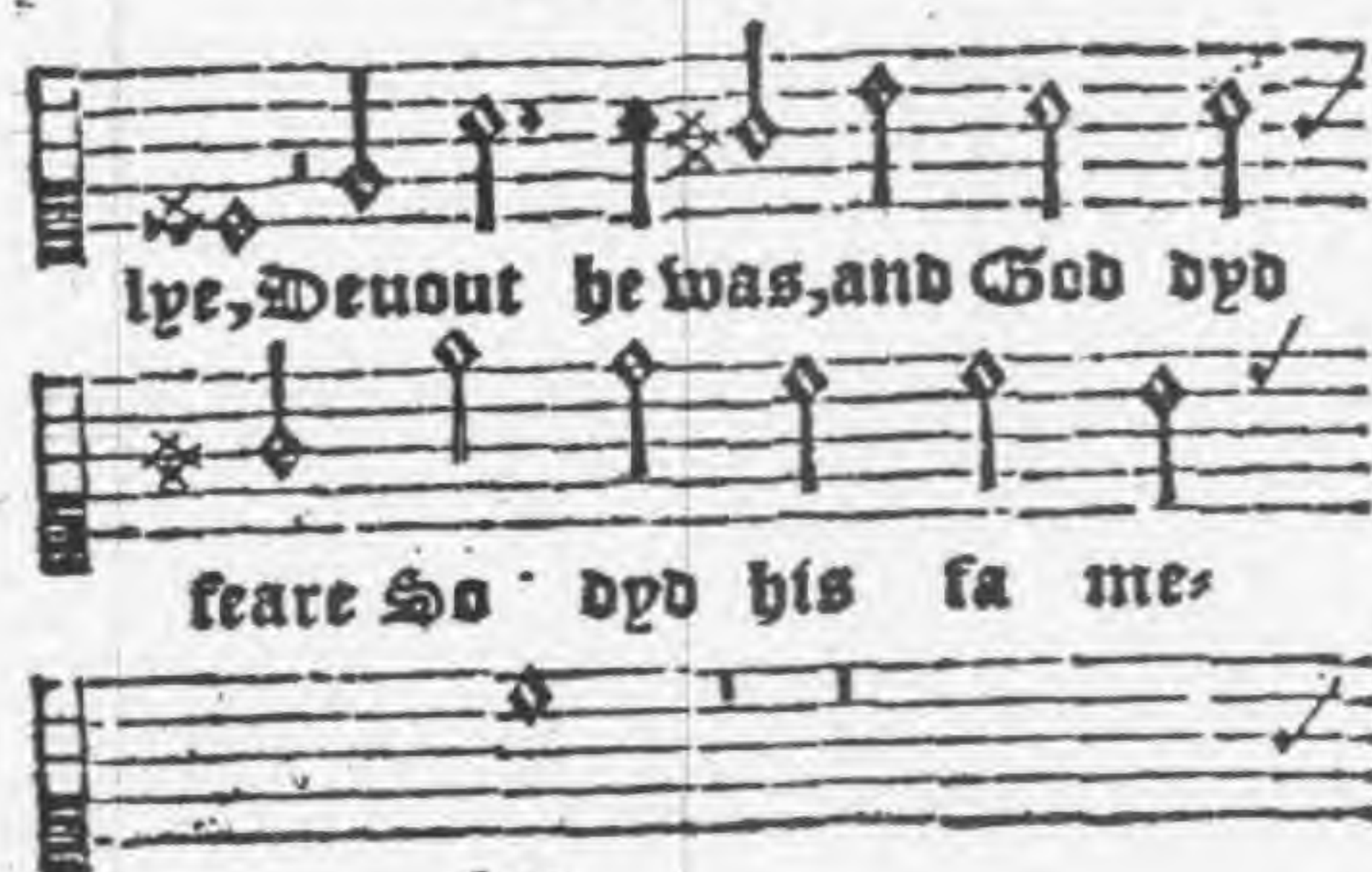
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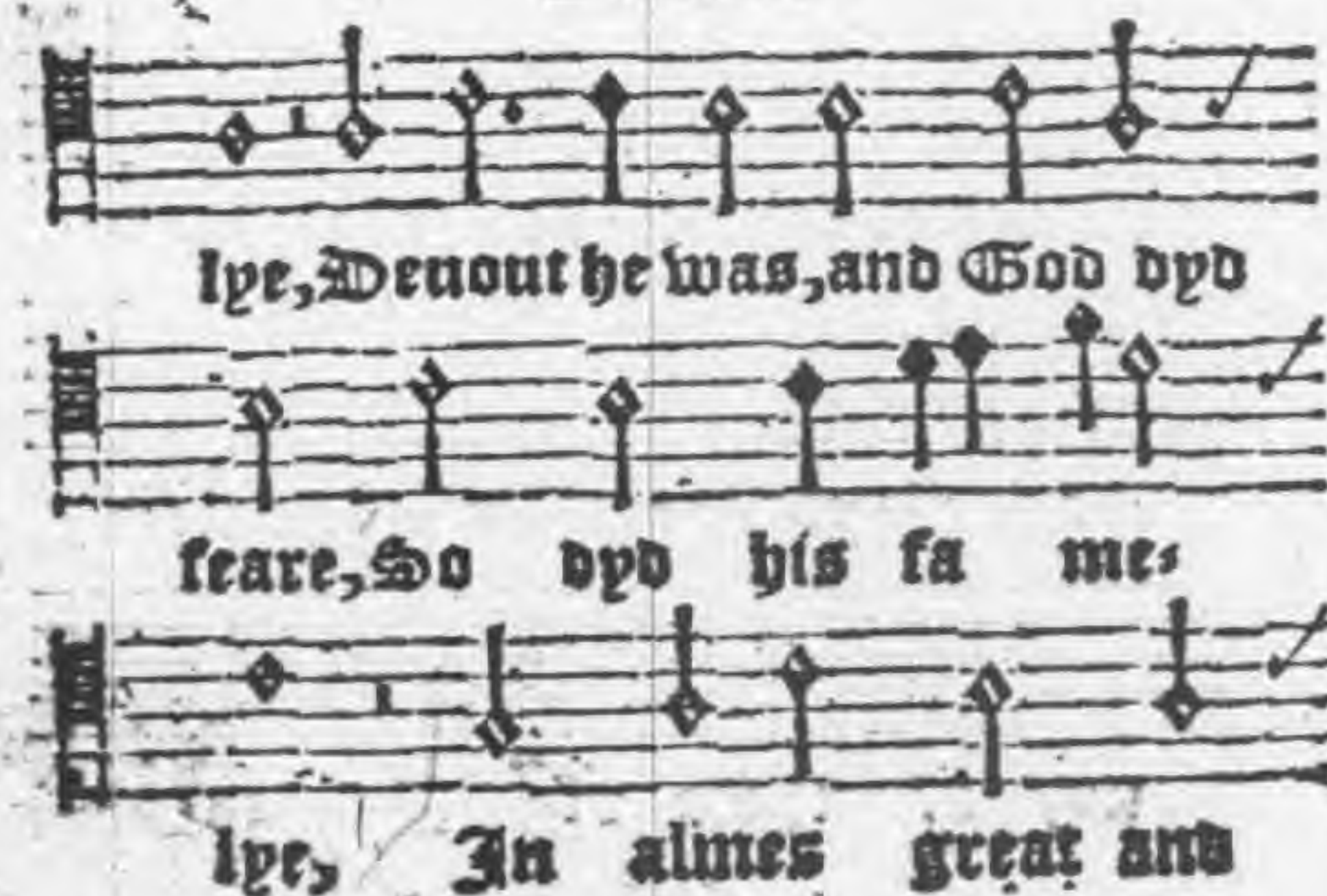
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When was there one, Cornelius
whiche dwelt at Cesarye:
A Captayne good, and gracious
Of those of Italye.

Devout he was, and God dyd feare
So dyd hys famelye:
In almes great, and in prayer
The he continuallye.

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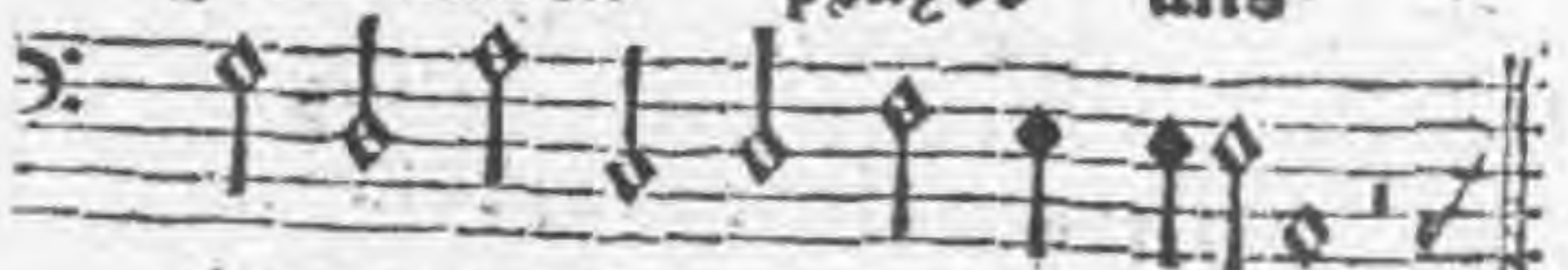


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Unto hys syght, God dyd bewraye
Hys angell glorius:
About the nyght, houre of the daye
Whiche sayde Cornelius.

who looked vp, hym to beholde
And was afrayed certayne:
He sayde howe Lorde, may I beholde
To knowe the matter playne.

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The angel sayde, then in that place
Thyne almesse and prayers all:
Dyd come befoze, the thzone of grace
When thou to God dydst call.

Wherfoze to Joppa, sende anon
Some trustye messenger:
And byd hym call, for one Simon
Whose surname is Peter.

In Simon tanners, house he is
Lodged by the sea syde:
Who shall thee teache, the worde of blis
Wherin thou shalt abyde.

And when the angel, that spake thus
Departed was and gon:
Then strait way byd, Cornelius
Two seruautes call vppon.

And eke a deuoute, sougper
On hym that byd attend:
He tolde hys mynde, and for Peter
To Joppa byd them send.

Then on the mozne, they rose right soone
And went fast on their waye:
But Peter went, about hygh noone
Up in a loft to praye.

When

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When hunger byd, moue hym to eate
Withynge for sustenance:
While they for hym, prepared meate
He fell into a trance.

And sawe þ heauen, then cleave in twayne
A vessel downe byd glyde:
And to his syght, appeared playne:
A shete both large and wyde.

The corners knyt, haupnge therein
Fourfoted beastes ful fayre:
Whozmes of eche sort, also vermynt
And eke soules of the ayre.

There came a voyce, to hym and sayde
Kysse Peter kyll and eate:
But Peter then, as one dismayde
Began thus to entreate.

And sayde no Lorde, that I refuse
It were synne as I meane:
For I in meate, byd neuer ble
Thynges common or vncleane.

The voyce then spake, the seconde tyme
And sayde of thys be sure:
What God doth cleanse, is voyde of crime
Make thou it not vnpure.

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Thys was done thysse, in hys pzesens
The truth to tell you playne:
The bestell then, dyd banyshe thens
Up in to heauen agayne.

When Peter thus, was in great dout
What thys shoulde signifie:
Beholde the men, that were sent out
From captayne Cornelie.

Enquired where, Simon dyd dwell
Before the doze standynge:
Desyrynge one, to them to tell
Where was Peters lodgynge.

While Peter in, hys mynde dyd muse
What thys straunge syght myght be
The spyte to hym, these words dyd vse
Beholde these men seke thee.

Aryse and do, thy selfe prepare
To go with them an ende:
And haue no dout, nor yet no feare
For I to thee them sende.

Then Peter to, the men downe went
And sayde lo I am he:
Hath any man, you to me sent
What is your wyl with me.

They

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They sayde captayne, Cornelius
A iust man without blame:
Whiche feareth God, most graci-
ous Of good repozte and fame.

Amonge the people, of the Iues
As warned by an angell:
To sende for thee, to heare good newes
Of Gods most holye Gospel.

Into the house, with good entent
He dyd them leade to hostage:
The next daye then, forth Peter went
With them euen in their byage.

And certayne brethren, of Ioppaye
Dyd beare hym companye:
So dyd they all, on the thirde daye
Come vnto Cesarye.

Cornelius then, with hys kyndred
And frendes especiall:
Whome he together had called
Wayted for Peter all.

And as Peter, by chaunce came in
The Captayne dyd hym mete:
In pzesence of hys, frendes and kin
Fell downe at Peters fete.

To

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To worshyp hym, then at a bryde
Cornelius then began:
But Peter toke, hym by and sayde
Stand by I am a man.

So Peter led, hym forth with talke
Untyl he entred in:
Where he dyd fynde, much people walke
And then he dyd begyn.

And sayde to them, ye knowe befoze
That heauye is the daunger:
For vs the Jues, by Moyses loze
To ioyne with a stranger.

But yet the Lorde, hath shewed to me
That I shoulde call no moze:
No man vncleane, what so he be
I douted not therfoze:

As come as soone, as you dyd sende
To knowe what it myght be:
Aske you now, therfoze the ende
And cause ye sent for me.

It is now sayde, Cornelius
About foure dayes ago:
Synce that I was, muche desyrus
To fast and praye also.

Then

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Then in my house, at the nyntch houre
As I was there prayinge:
Beholde one stode, of myghtye power
By me in bryght clothynge.

He sayde to me, Cornelius
Thy prayer is accept:
Thy almes dedes, are precious
And in remembraunce kept.

Before the face, of God alwaye
Which is our God alone:
Therfoze with spede, sende to Joppaye
And call for one Simone.

Whose surname, is called Peter
At Jene he doth abyde:
And lodge with Simon the tanner
Not far from the sea syde.

When he cometh, he shall playnly
Do thee to vnderstande:
What is my wyll, and then dyd I
Sende for thee out of hande.

It is well done, that thou art come
For we are here present:
Before the Lorde, bothe all and some
To heare bys commaundment.

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Wp̄th open mouthe, Peter sayde then
From truthe I will not waue:
Before the Lorde no sortes of men
Preeminence can haue.

But all suche as, feareth his grace
And worketh ryghtwisenes:
Wp̄th his mercede, he doth embrace
Acceptyng moze and les.

The word that God, to Israell
Through Iesus Christ dyd sende
He is the Lord, ye know ryght well
In euery coast and ende.

How it was than, bruted amonge
The Iues in eche countre:
But fyrst of all, how that it spronge
Euen out of Galile.

After Iohns Baptyme, and preachyng
God wp̄th his holy bsethe:
And strength anoynted priest and kynge
Iesus of Nazarethe.

Whiche went aboute, and much good dyd
To those that were in payne:
From Satans force, he dyd them ryd
God was wp̄th him certayne.

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Of all he dyd, the Iues vntyll
And in their chese Lite:
We witnes are, whom they dyd kyll
And hanged vpon a tre.

Whome God dyd rayse, ȳ thyrde daye next
And shew him openlye:
Not to all men, as sayth the text
But vnto vs onelye.

Whome God dyd chole, to beare witnes
Whiche feed wp̄th meate and bread:
And dranke wp̄th him, alyue dountles
Arisen from the dead.

And vs to preache, commaunded he
And to instruct eche head:
That God appoynted, hym to be
A iudge of quicke and dead.

The Prophetes all, witnes with fame
That all beleuers wyntnes:
Through hys merites, and holy name
Remission of their synnes.

Whyle Peter yet, these words dyd tell
That God dyd hym afforde:
The holy ghost, on them all fell
That hearkned to the worde.

The

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The faythfull people, of the Jewes
 whiche Peter with hym led:
 Amased were, soe at those newes
 when that Gods spzite was shed.

And powzed on, the heathen soe
 whom they without delay:
 with diuers tonges, heard make repozet
 Of Gods high prayse alway

At that tyme Peter dyd aunswere
 May any man vs let:
 Or els forbyd, but that watere
 Amonge vs may be set.

Meane.



Thappostles and bzerherne were
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To baptise these, both lest and most
 whiche here in presence be:
 Endeinde nowe with, the holy ghost
 To grace as well as we.

And to prepare, these to Baptym
 He charged them straght wayes
 Then in Gods name, they motied hym
 To tarye there fewe dayes.

AND Peter doth, declare the cause
 Why he to the heathen vvent:
 Paule Barnabas, doth preache the lause
 Of hym that then them sent.

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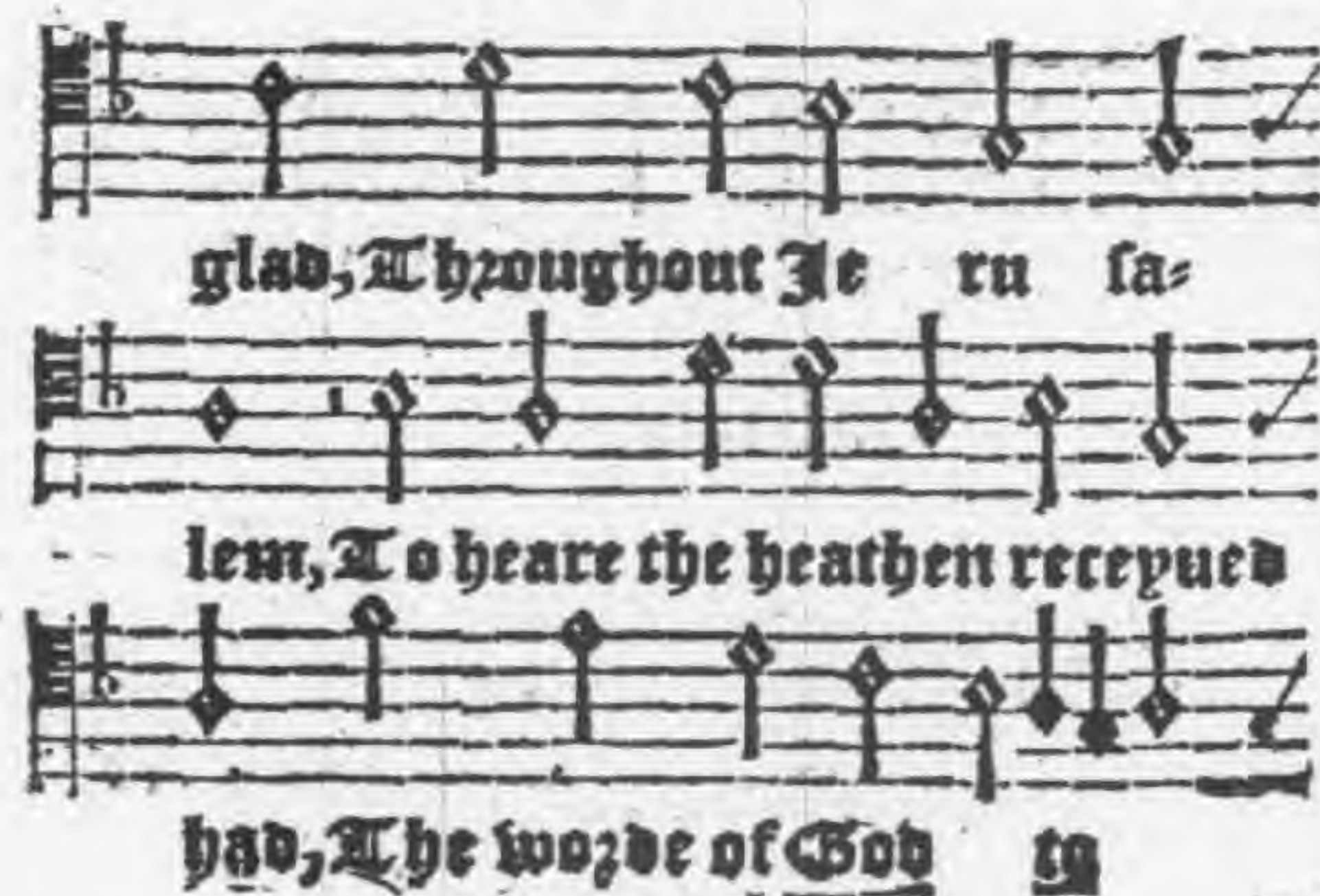


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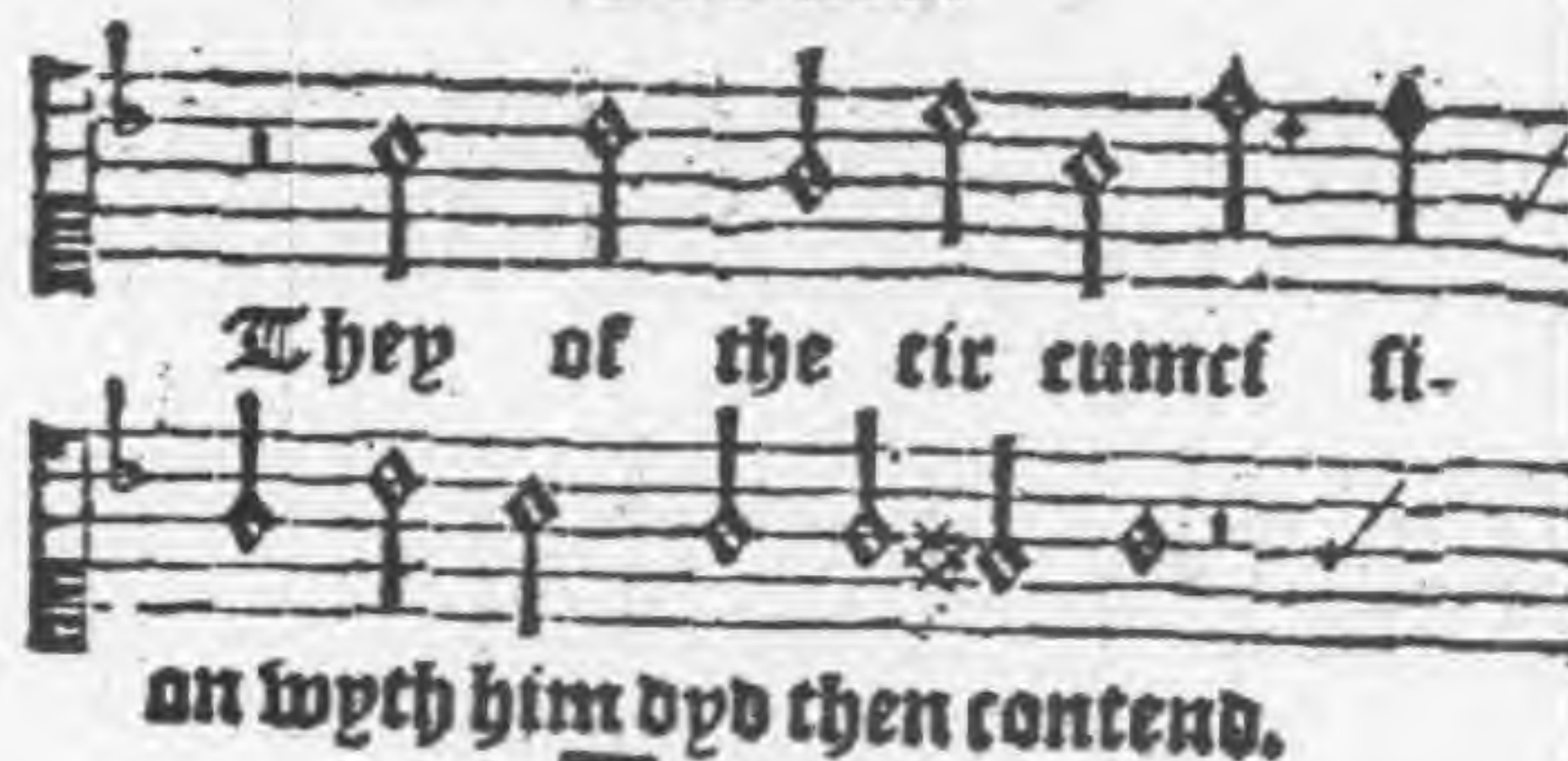


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The Apostles and brethren were glad
Throughtout Jerusalem:
To heare the beathen, receined had
The worde of God to them.

When Peter to, Jerusalem
Came to hys iorneyes ende:
They of the circumcision
With hym dyd then contende.

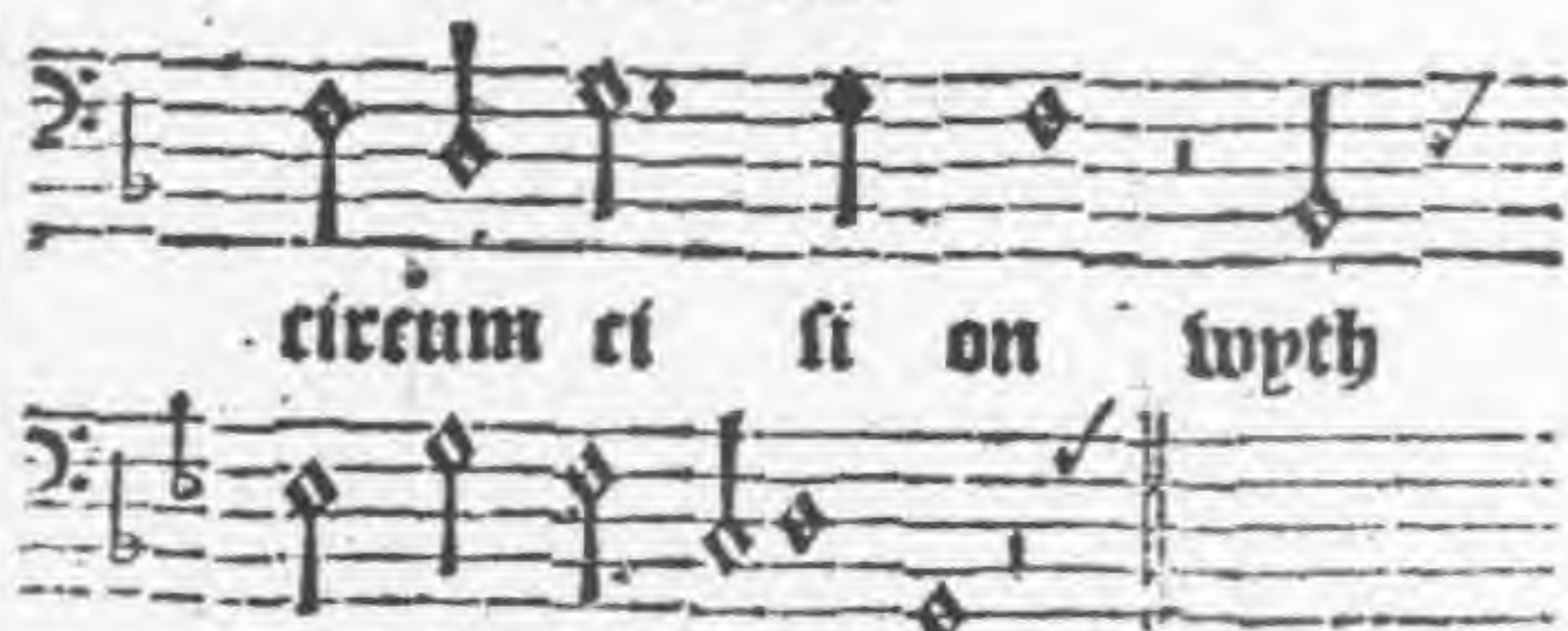
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And sayde of late, thou wenst into
Thuncircumspde in dede:
With them to eate, whiche thyng to do
Our lawe hath not decrede.

Peter began, then to debate
The thynges as they dyd chaunce
And sayde I was, in Joppa late
Prayinge and in a traunce.

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As I in dede, playnely had sene
A vessel descendynge:
A large whyte cloth, as it had bene
From heauen then downe comynge

Let downe it was, by corners fower
And so it came to me:
Within the whiche, when it came lower
Myne eyes playnely myght se.

Fourfoted beastes, that semed sayre
Mermen and wormes there layde:
And also foules, out of the ayre
A voyce to me then sayde.

Peter aryse, slee thou and eate
And I sayde Lorde, God thyldde:
For in my mouth, came neuer meate
Then common or yet desyldde.

And then the voyce, dyd aunswere me
From heauen with good accorde:
Count not those thynges, vncleane to be
That cleansed hath the Lorde.

Thre tymes thys thyng, was brought a,
As I haue shewed you playne: (bout
And all thynges was, without all dout
Up take to heauen agayne.

And

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And then beholde, immediatlye
There came to me thre men:
The which were sent, from Cesarpe
Onely to seke me then.

And then the spzite, to me dyd saye
Do thou thy selfe pzeare:
To go with them, forth on their waye
And haue therof no feare.

Moreover then, syre bzethren went
In compayne of vs:
Unto the house, of hym that sent
Whiche was Cornelius:

How he had sene, he shewed to vs
The aungel of the Lorde:
Whiche sayde to hym, Cornelius
To Joppa sende thou worde.

To Simon Peter, one of myne
Who shall tell words to thee:
Wherby that thou, and eke all thynne
No dout shall saued be.

And then as I, began to pzeache
The spzite on them fel thus:
As dyd on vs, when we dyd teache
The Lorde and Christ Iesus.

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Then

The.xj. Chapter.

Then in my head, I dyd recorde
Great thinges that I then wayde:
Whiche were the words, of God & Lorde
That he in dede had sayde.

John with water, he dyd baptise
But ye shal baptised be:
Euen with the spyte, that is right wyse
Within fewe dayes trust me.

Then forasmuch as God dyd geue
To them as, vnto vs:
When we dyd fyrst, preache and beleue
The Lorde and Christ Jesus.

What was I then, that I should cease
And eke the Lorde denye:
When they heard &, they helde their peace
And God dyd glorifye.

And sayd also, that God had sent
The Gentils euen the same:
Their former lyfe, then to repent
Beleuyng in his name.

Those that before, abrode were dyuen
Through persecution strange:
The which arose, about good Steuen
From place to place went longe.

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Untyll they came, to Phenices
Cipers and Antioche:
Unto the Jewes, both more and les
Dulpe they dyd approche.

And eke of Cipers there were some
And of Sirene also:
To Antioche, when they were come
Unto the Brekes dyd go.

And preached then, the Lorde Jesus
Whose hande with them abod:
A great numbze, beleued vs
And turned vnto God.

Of these thinges tydinges came anon
Unto the eares of them:
That were the congregation
Then at Jerusalem.

And they sent forth, one Barnabas
To Antioche in peace:
When he came there, right glad he was
To see the fayth encrease

Exhorting them, not once to start
Sith God had them restorde:
Unto his grace, that they with heart
Should cleane vnto the Lorde.

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Myght good he was, euen from his yonth
Full of the spzite and sayth:
Much people he, vnto the truth
Dyd wyne the stozpe sayth.

Then Barnabas, to Tharsus sought
To see Saule there appzoche:
Vpon whose sight, right soone he bzought
Hym vnto Antioche.

And it chaunced, that one whole yere
They kept together stpli:
Euen with the, congregacion there
And taught the Lorde hys wpll.

That in so much, thelect that were
At Antioche euen then:
Were those in dede, that first dyd beare
The name of Chzisten men.

In those dayes from, Jerusalem
The Propheetes came to vs:
To Antioche, and one of them
Was named Agabus.

Whiche by the spzite, then signified
Great dearch shoulde then succede:
And that throughtout, the worlde so wyde
Whiche came to passe in dede.

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In Claudius dayes, the Emperours
Thelect them selues dyd bynoe:
The man accozdyng to hys power
Some succour then to sende.

Vnto the bzethzen, in Iurpe
Whiche thyng they brought to pas
And sent vnto, the Elders bye
Saule and eke Barnabas.

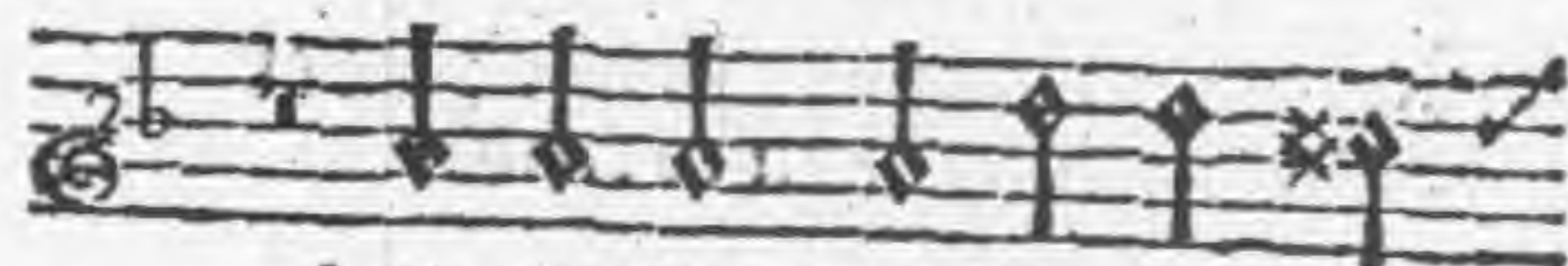
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And doth slaye Iames in dede:
In pryson he, doth Peter locke
The vvorries Herode doth fede.

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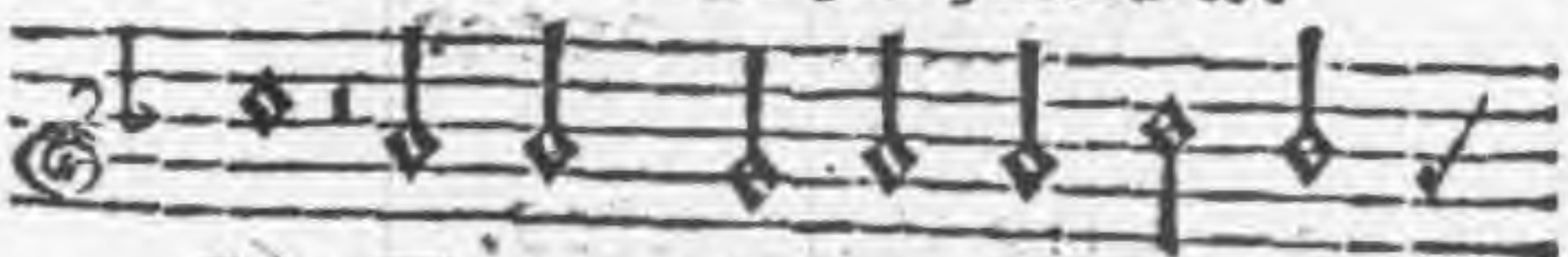
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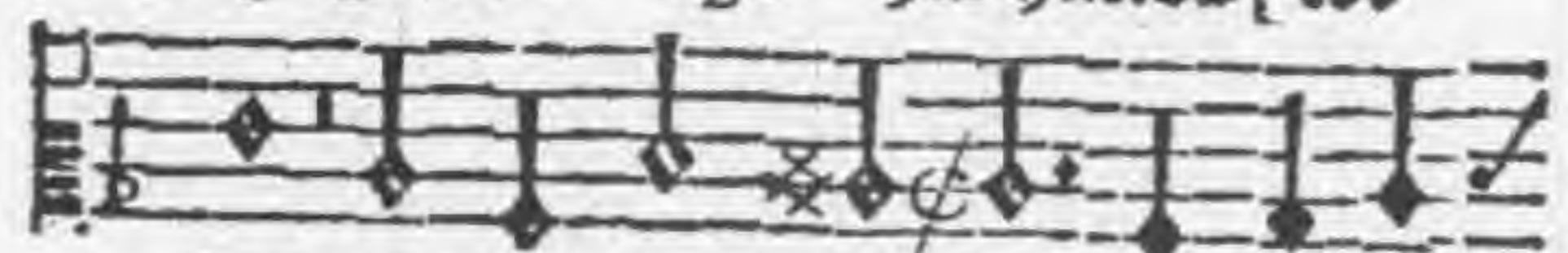
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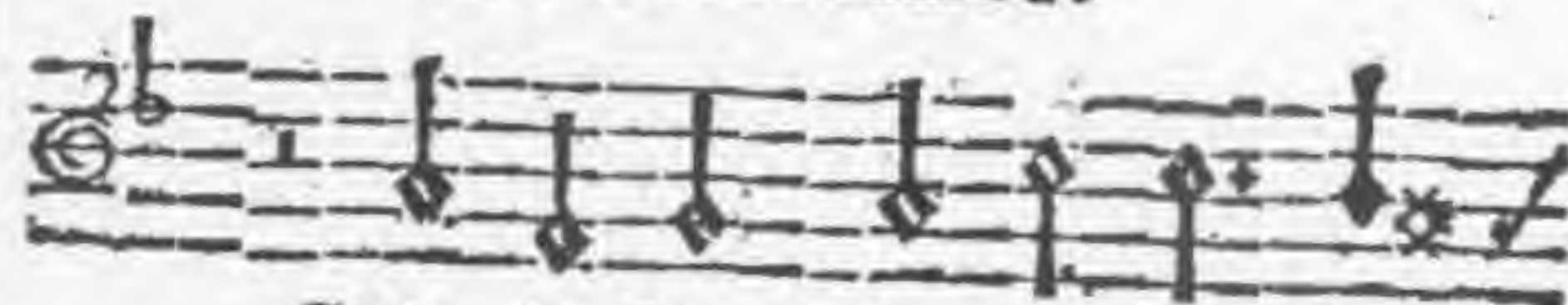


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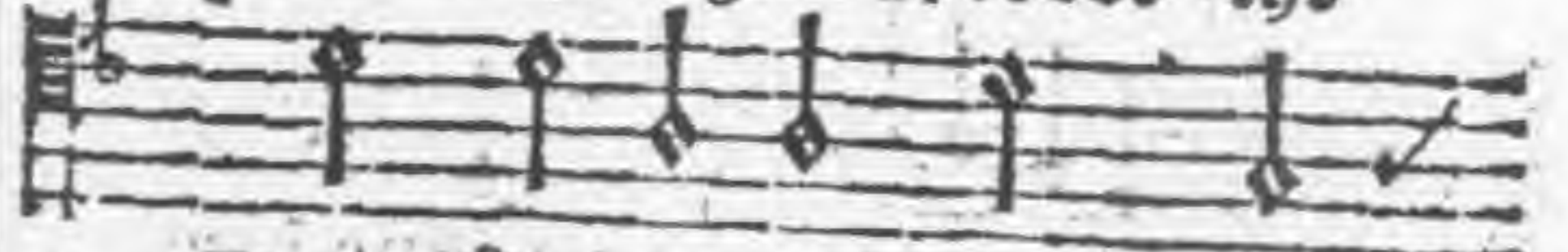
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Thyp, He dyd see James Johns brother



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Tenor.



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well pleased were he further
dye p^{ro}ceded.

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further dyd p^{ro}cede.

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cause the Iues wel pleased were
he further dyd p^{ro}cede.

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dede, Because the Iues well
pleased were, he
further dyd p^{ro}cede.

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And in that tyme, Herode the kynge
He dyd hys handes let slyppe:
To trouble men, of good lpyng
And godly felowshyppe.

He dyd slaye James, Johns brother dere
Guen with the swearde in dede:
Because the Jewes, wel pleased were
He further dyd procede.

It was the dayes, then of swete bread
And he caught Peter fast:
With violence, boode of all dead
In prysen dyd hym cast.

Delpyerynge hym, a charge gaue he
Unto quarternions sower:
Of souldiers there, then kept to be
Tyll that the feast were ouer.

Entendynge then, once easter pass
That out he shoulde be brought
But Peter was, in prysen fast
Tyll God for hym had wrought

Then prayer was made, without ceasynge
Of all the godly menne:
Unto the Lorde, out hym to byng
Of that foul fylthye denne.

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when Herode would, haue had hym sene
And brought before the route:
The same nyght Peter, slept betwene
Two souldiers stowes and stoute.

Wounde with two chaynes, in lodgyng
And so he fell a slepe: (poze)
The keepers standynge at the doze
The prysen fast to kepe.

Beholde the Angell, of the Lorde
Was present in that tyme:
The lodge to lyght, he then restorde
And smote on Peters syde:

And awaked hym, who lay in bandes
And sayde aryle, unbetwaxde:
And then the chaynes, fel from his bandes
The Angell to hym sayde:

Gyde thou thy selfe, and haue no drede
Thy Sandales bynde on thee:
Thy mantell cast, on thee with spede
And then come folowe me.

He folowed hym, and made no drede
And wytt not what done was:
But as a vision, he had sene
Whiche thaungel brought to pas

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where

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When they the first, watche dyd frustrate
The seconde watche also:
They came vnto, the yron gate
That goth the cytye vnto.

Which opened by, the owne accorde
They passynge throughe by nyght
And then the Angell, of the Lorde
From Peter banished quyght.

When Peter to, hym selfe came well
He sayde I knowe and see:
That God hath sent, me bys Angell
Which hath deliuered me.

Out of the hands, of kynge Decod
And all bys whole counsaile:
And from the Jewes, I thanke my God
That neuer dyd me faile.

And as he thought, thys thyng vpon
To Maries house dyd go:
Which was the mother, of our Iohn
And called Marke also.

Where diuers were, gathered to praye
There Peter knockt with speede:
A damsell came forth, to heare saye
Named Rhoda in dede.

And

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And when that, the myghty Peters voyce
The doore wyppled pas:
She ranne in fast, and dyd retoyce
To tell where Peter was.

Declarynge playne, that heard she had
Hym speake in the entree:
And then they sayde, that he was mad
But he sayde it was he.

Then sayde they all, it maye betyde
This Angell there to bee:
But Peter sayll, dyd there abyde
And eke sayll knocked he.

And when they had, opened the doore
Where Peter then dyd stande:
They were astonied, ryche and poore
But he helde vp his hande.

And willed them, to holde their peace
And shewed them what was past.
Proffing that the Lorde, dyd hym releace
Where he in chaynes laye fast.

And he sayde then, go shewe thys thyng
To James and, brethren eke:
And he went thence, before day sprynge
Another place to seke.

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As soon as it was sayd light dape
The souldiers made great mone:
Eche one to other began to saye
Howe is this man thus gone.

When Herode then, for hym dyd call
And naught of hym heard saye:
He dyd examine the keepers all
Commandynge them alwaye:

And he descended, from Ieruzpe
To Cesarye anon:
With them of Tyre, he was angrye
And with them of Sidon:

And they came all, then to obtayne
By intercession than:
To Bassus made, hys chamberlayne
Despyng peace eche man.

Because their countrey, where they fedde
Chiefely by hym dyd stande:
And they and theirs, were nourishedde
Onely by Herodes lande.

Upon a dape, appoynted well
Herode hym selfe made neate:
In syne and royall, apparell
And set hym on hys seate.

To

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To them gay wordes, then spake Herod
The people then dyd shoute:
And sayde he speaks, moze lyke a God
Then lyke a man no doute.

The aungell then, immediatlye
Dyd strycke him with Gods rod:
Because he dyd, not geue the glozpe
Unto the luyng God.

The wormes of hym, toke their repast
And he gaue vp the ghost:
The worde also encreased fast
And grew in euerye coast.

Then Barnabas, and Manle went soone
Unto Ierusalem:
When they their office, had well done
And toke John Marke with them.

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PAVLE Barnabas, dyd God prefer
And dyd the heathen teache:
And eke agaynste, the sokerer
At Antioche dyd preache.

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The.xiiij. Chapter.

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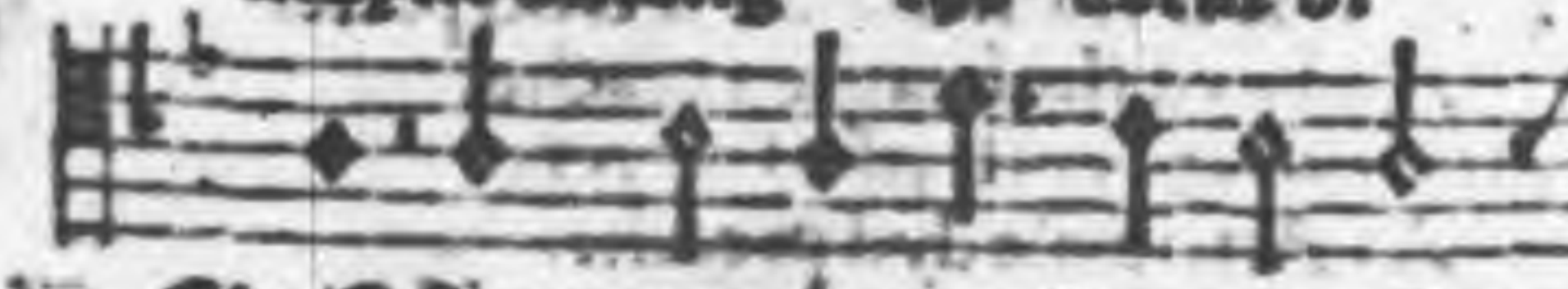
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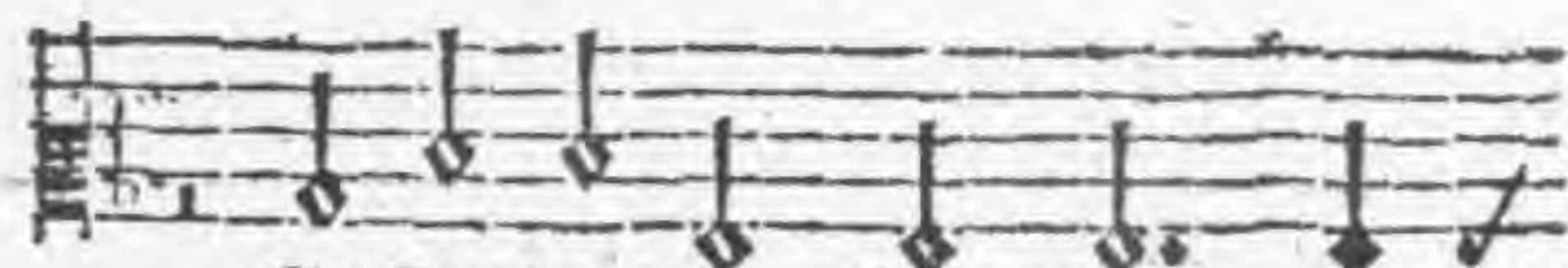
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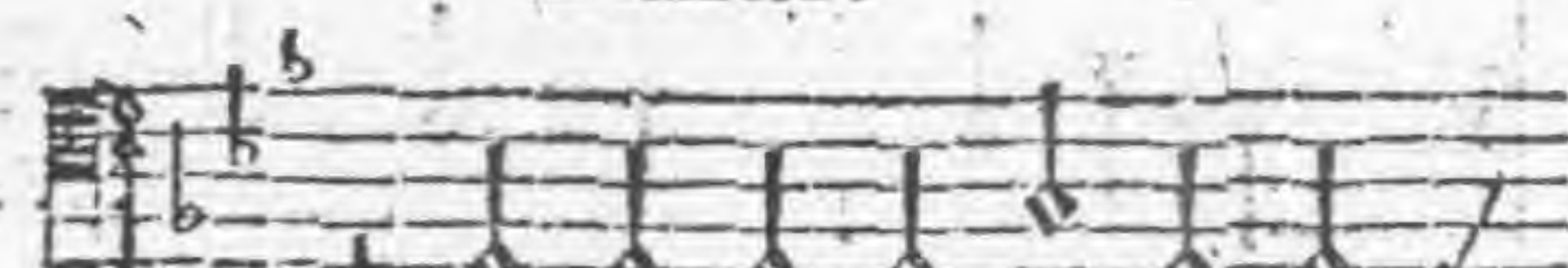


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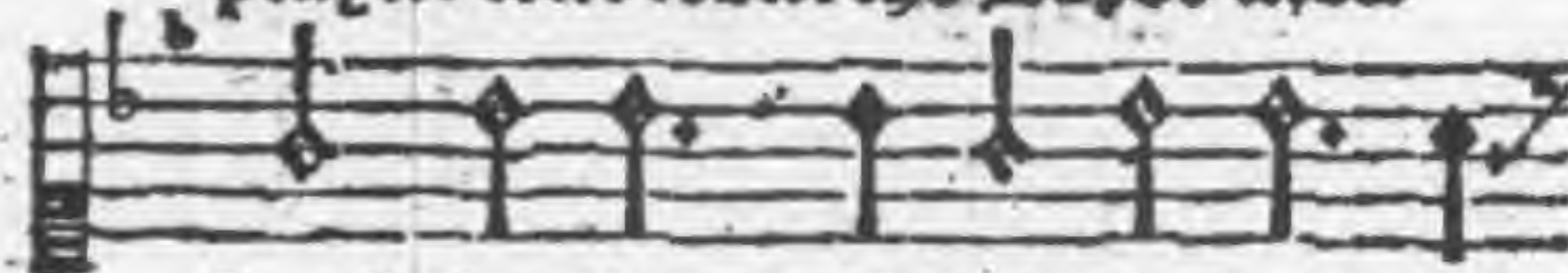


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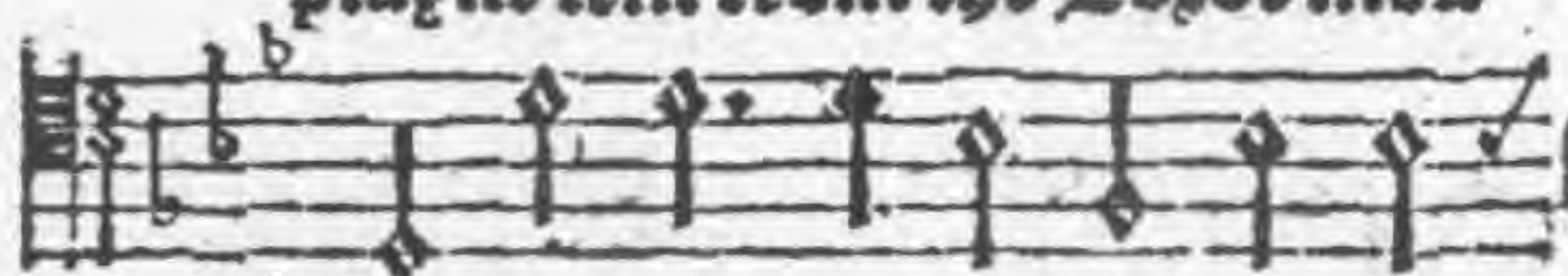


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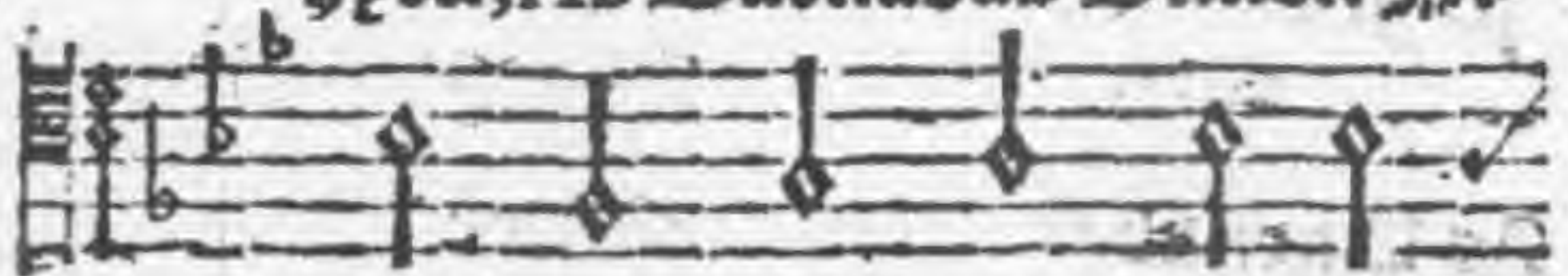
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Countertenor.



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And also Sante, was there in place
who as they ministred:
And eke dyd fast, and pray for grace
Gods spzite on them was shene

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The.xiiij. Chapter.

Whiche dyd commaunde, & to them sayde
 Sende Barnabas and Saul:
 To worke the worke, before them layde
 Wherto I dyd them caule.

Then dyd they fast, and also praye
 As they were wont to do:
 And eke their hands, on them dyd laye
 And then they let them go.

And by Gods spryte, when they were sent
 They came to Seleucie:
 From thence dyd sayle, so that they went
 To Cyprus directiue.

And when they came, to Salomine
 In the church of the Jewes:
 Their hearts and mynds, they did encline
 To preache them there good newes.

To serue with them, there for a tyme
 They had one John by name:
 And when they had, gone through the yle
 To Paphos then they came.

A sorcerer there, of them was founde
 A false prophet a Jue:
 Whose teaching was, not true ne sounde:
 Whose name was Barjesa.

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The.xiiij. Chapter.

Whiche Sergius Paulus, a man prudent
 Whiche rulede the whole countre:
 Whiche all his trayne, he dyd frequente
 Familiar then to be.

The same ruler, to hym dyd caule
 And willed to come here:
 Both Barnabas, and also Paul
 Of them goddes wordes to here.

But Elymas, the sorcerer
 So they declare his name:
 Dyd to all the ruler, to forbers
 To sayth, hym selfe to blame.

Saul named Paul, then in that countre
 Full feruent was he:
 Whose heart full of, the holys word
 Beheld hym then and layde.

Full of all subtiltie
 And eke of craftines:
 The deuplethful, and enmyte
 To grace and ryghtnes.

Whiche doest not cease, still to peruart
 By damnable discorde:
 But dost alwayes plucke fro mans heart
 The straght wayes of the Lorde.

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The.xiij. Chapter.

Whiche dyd commaunde, & to them sayde
 Sende Barnabas and Saul:
 To worke the worke, helpe them layde
 Wherto I dyd them saul.

Then dyd they fast, and also praye
 As they were wont to do:
 And eke their hands, on them dyd laye
 And then they let them go.

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The.xiij. Chapter.

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 Whiche rulede the whole countre:
 With all his trapne, he dyd frequente
 Familiar then to be.

The same ruler, to hym dyd call
 And willed to come here:
 Both Barnabas, and also Paul
 Of them goddes wayde to here.

But Elymas, the sorcerer
 So they declare hym name:
 Dyd to all the ruler, to sorcerer
 To sayth, hym selfe to frame.

Saul wanted Paul, then with all
 Full feruent was he was:
 Whose heart full of, the holye
 Beheld hym then and saw.

Full of all, subtiltye
 And eke of craftines:
 The deuyllish, and enmye
 To grace and ryghtnes.

Thou shalt not cease, thou shalt to peruart
 By damnable discorde:
 But dost alwayes plucke fro mans heart
 The straght wayes of the Lorde.

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The .xliij. Chapter.

And now behold, thou man unkynde
The Lordes hande is on thee:
And for a tyme, thou shalt be blinde
The Sinne thou shalt not see.

Immediatly, then, for his payde
Upon his eyes dyd stande:
A myst that made hym like a gyde
To leade hym by the hande.

The ruler then, dyd see the case
And not therat repyne:
But mused muche, and dyd embrace
The Lord and his doctrine.

So he departed from Paphos, toke shipping
And all his companye:
Forth on the sea waye, they went sayling
To Berge of Samphilge.

To see his frendes, John was right sayne
And dyd depart from thence:
And so returned, to home agayne
Unto Jerusalem.

They wandring, then, went from Berge
And soone they dyd approched
The lande then of Cilicia
And came to Antioche.

And

The .xliij. Chapter.

Into the synagoge they went
Upon the Sabbathes daye:
And sat them downe, with good entente
No man dyd saye shennaye.

But when the lecture, of the lawe
And prophetes there were done,
The ruler then, whiche there them saue
Sayde vnto them right sone.

Good brethren, now, for do you praye
The people to exhort:
If any sermon, ye can saye
To them for their comfort.

Then Paul stood up, thereat present
And beckned with his hande:
He prayde them all, to kepe plene
Gods worde to fonder hande.

He sayde penter of Iscariot
And ye that God do feare:
And all that here, amonge you dwell
I praye you geue good care.

God of this people, dyd elect
Our fathers ys before:
Quarunge them, that were relect
As forreners farre bozne.

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The .xiiij. Chapter.

In Egypt lande, both daye and nyght
In bondage they dyd dwell:
The Lord then with, hys arme of myght
Dyd bringe them out ryght well.

And fourtye yeres, he dyd them spare
In all thei wyckednes:
To punish them, he dyd forbare
With in the wilderness.

Seven nations then, in Canaan:
He wasted well I wote:
Partynge the lande, to every man
Accordynge to hys lot.

Then to the tyme, of Daniell
The iudges gave trauelp:
Amonge them there, yeres for to dwell
Four hundred and fyfye.

And after that, comynge to traue
They woulde not cease his blis:
The sonne of Dauid, woulde God them geue
Of the tribe of Benjamin.

Whyle twentye yeres, he ware hys crowne
No lenger raygned he:
For God the Lord, dyd put hym downe
And hys posterite.

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The .xiiij. Chapter.

He set vp David, to be kynge
And ruler in hys place:
And dyd reporte, of hym saynge
David I do embrace.

One Iesses sonne, whom I haue founde
A man I tell and kinde:
He is to me, both sure and sounde
To fulfyll all my mynde.

O my mans seide, a sauour
The promise thus doth tell:
God hath brought forth, Iesus the flower
And kynge of Israell.

But after John, had run hys race
He sayde I am not he:
I meane Messias, full of grace
Whome ye take me to be.

But lo one doth, come after me
Whose shoes vpon hys fete:
Of such byghnes, and dignite
To lose I am blynde.

Ye men betherne, and chyldren all
Of Abraham by descent:
Lay on that feare, God great and small
Whys word of life is sent.

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The .xiiij. Chapter.

Therefore he sayeth, in the lyke place
Thy sonne the holpe on:
Thou shalt not suffer, in no case
To see corruption.

As for Dauid, bys tyme dyd kepe
To serue gods wyll trulpe:
And after that, fallynge a slepe
Was layde bys father bye.

His Corps dyd waske, and putrefye
But God bys sonne dyd be:
Make quicke agayne, and certaynlye
Dyd no corrupcyon se.

Knowe ye therfore, ye bzyethen all
Through him ye may purchase:
Whiche is preached, to great and small
Forgyuenes of trespase.

And from all thyngs, ful sure to be
Acquited and made sure:
Whiche Moyses lawe, in no degre
Coude clense be ye ryght sure.

But who so that, wyl gene credence
And in the sayth abyde:
Through him is cleare, from all offence
And also iustified.

Beware

The .xiiij. Chapter.

Beware therfore, I do you reade
And kepe ye from the lake:
Lest those thynges fall, vpon your heade
Wherof the prophetes spake.

Ye dyspysers, beholde and muse
At your destruction now:
For in your tyme, a worke defuse
I worke euen vnto you.

Whiche in no wyse, ye shal beleue
Whoso of it you tell:
The whiche is wrought, you for to greue
Because ye do rebell.

When that the Iues, were all forth gon
Out of their holpe place:
The Gentyles them, besought anon
To preache the worde of grace.

And them to teache, thzough out the wyke
Betwene the Saboth dayes:
What meanes & wayes, that they myght
To please the Lorde alwayes.

Their holpe congregacion then
So ended Luke recytes:
On them dyd wayte, there many men
Both Iues and Iudreytes.

M. b.

To

The. xiiij. Chapter.

To these good men, that dyd abyde
Spake Paule and Barnabas
Exortynge them, not once to fflye
From God ne from his grace.

The Saboth day, then next folowynge
The citie whole well neare:
Together came, much desyringe
Gods holy worde to heare.

But when the Jewes, sawe suche a route
They were full wroth & demer:
Reuylng Paule, with wordes full fronte
Beginning to blasfeme.

But Barnabas, and Paule was bolde
And sayde it doth behoue:
Gods worde to you, first to be tolde
Whiche sent is from aboue,

But syth ye do, it nowe denye
Auoydynge it with strife:
And thynke your selues, now vnworthys
Of euerylastyng lyfe.

And eke the worde, so precious,
Ye take for crafte and gyles:
Lo here the Lorde, hath wylled vs
To tourne vnto the Gentyles.

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The. xiiij. Chapter.

I haue set thee, to be a lyght
The Gentyles for to gyde
And them to saue, as I behyght
Throughtout the earth so wyde.

The Gentyles then, offred thys grace
Of it they were full fayne:
Gods worde with thanks, they dyd em-
brace
Welcomynge it certayne.

And those that God, had ordayned
To euerylastyng lyfe:
Abode in fayth, the worde dyd spread
Throughtout the countrey ryfe.

Wherfore the Jewes, them dyd abhore
And moued without ppyte:
The women of, worshyp and honore
The chiefe men of the cyte.

Agaynst poore Paule, and Barnabas
And woulde without offence:
A persecution brought to pas.
Expellynge them from thence.

Out of that coast, when they nedes must
To go they made them mete:
And for a witnes, shoke the dust
Agaynst them of their fete.

And

The.xiiij. Chapter
 And they came to, Iconium
 Accept of least and moſte:
 And Gods elect, were all becom
 Full of the holpe goſte.

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The.xiiij. Chapter.
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THE APOSTLES at Iconium
 Dyd preache vvith good aduice:
 The people vvoulde, both all and some
 To them do sacrifice.

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they oft tymes dyd vse together
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goge of Iues, where they dyd preache
Tenor.
tymes dyd vse together they in
to dyd cum the Si na
goge of Iues, where they dyd

The.xiiij. Chapter.
The countertenor



tymes dyd vse to gether they in
to dyd cum the Synagoge of
Iues, wher they dyd preach and one
Bassus.
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Iues where they dyd preache

The.xiiij. Chapter.
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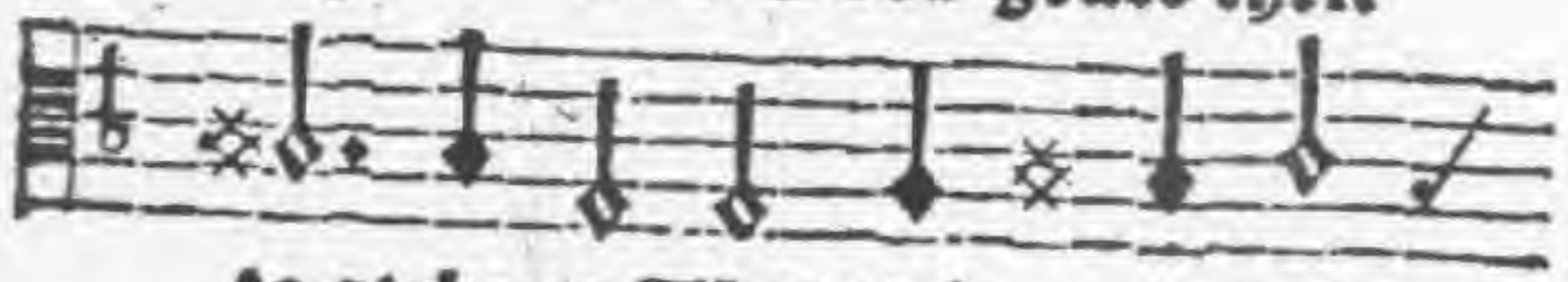


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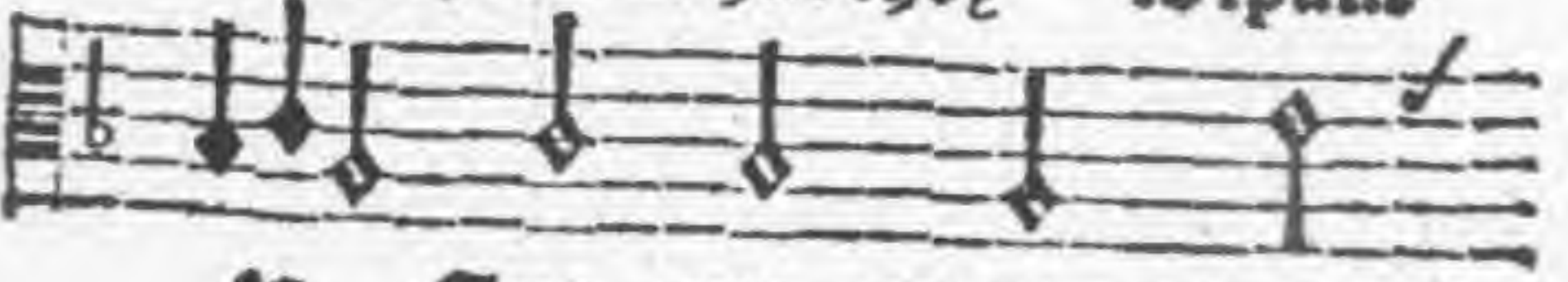
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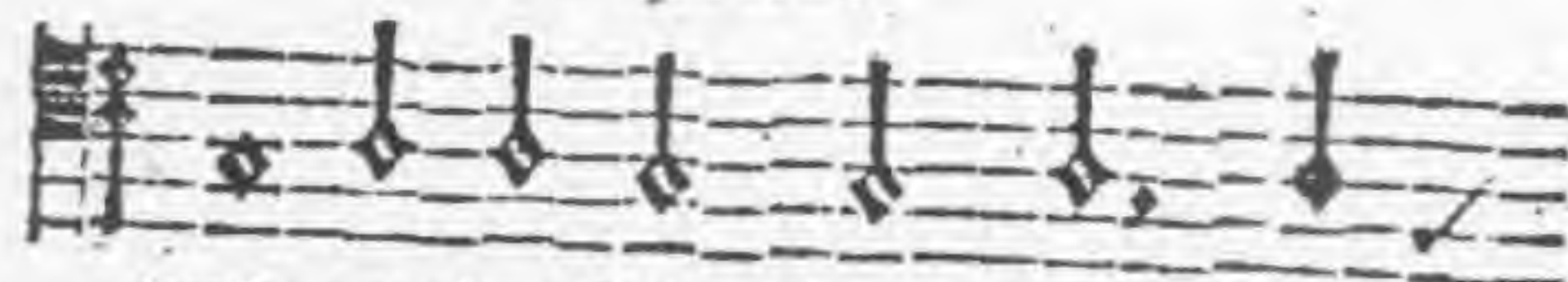
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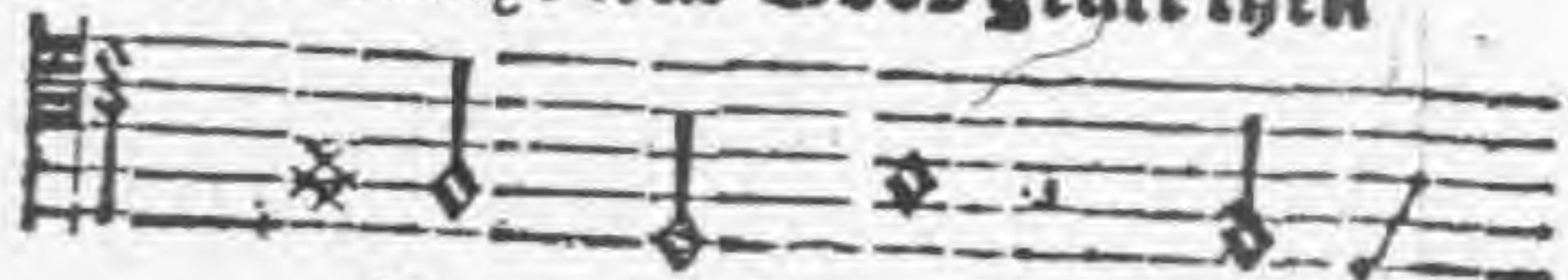
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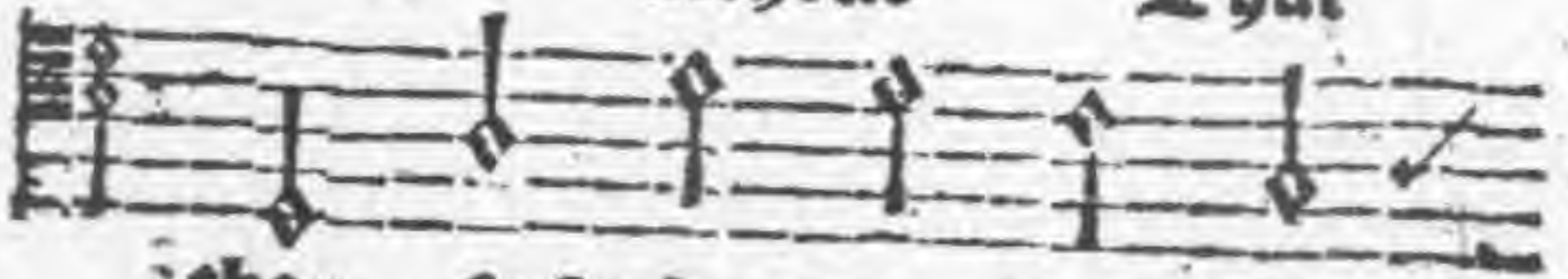
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Tenor.



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As they oft tymes dyd vse:
Together they, into dyd cum
The sinagoge of Jewes.

Where they dyd preache, and only seke
Gods grace then to atcheue:
That they so spake, to Jewe and Greke
That many dyd beleue.

The.xiiij. Chapter.
Countertenor.



Bassus.



But then the Jues, of vnbelefe
The Gentyles on dyd call:
And styde their mindes, to much mischefe
Agaynst the bzerherne all.

And they longe tyme, dyd there persist
Gods worde still to recorde:
And quit them selues, boldly in Christ
By helpe of God the Lorde.

The.xiiij. Chapter.

Whiche then, gaue testimony vnto
 The worde euen of hys grace:
 And caused them, great thynges to do
 Whiche by their handes toke place.
The people dyd, them selues deuyde
 As they were then affect:
 Sum fro the Iwes, woulde neuer flyde
 Nor sum from Chyristes elect.
When y the Jewes, & gentyles woulde
 Assaulte make them vpon:
 Their rulers wrought, all y they coulde
 By counsel them to ston.
Whose conseil knowen, they made no
 But fled vnto Lystra: (boft
 And Derba cytyes, of the cost
 Of Licaonia.
And eke vnto, the region
 That lyeth there rounde about:
 And preached Chyrist, to euery one
 And his Gospel thzough out.
There sat a man, of lytle myzth
 At Lystra, lame of fete:
 A crepell was, euen from his byzth
 And neuer walked yct.
Who heard Paule preach, y stozp sayth
 And Paule behelde the man:
 And dyd perceyue, that he had sayth
 To be made whole euen then.
Paule sayd to him, with chereful voyce
 Vpon thy fete by stonde:

And

The.xiiij. Chapter.

And he start bp, and dyd reioyce.
 And walked out of hande.
And when the people, dyd beholde
 What Paule had done that daye:
 With myghtye voyce, they were full bolde
 To brute these thynges and saye.
Nowe in the sperche, of our countre
 Gods are come downe vs to:
 In likenes nowe, of men yese
 And what straunge thynges they do.
And Barnabas, they called thus
 The name of Iupiter:
 And called Paule, Mercurius
 Because he was preacher.
And then the priest, of Iupiter
 Wyltyd both fete and handes:
 Whiche dwelt befoze, the Citie there
 Brought oren and garlandes.
To the church porche, and dyd aduylse
 The people and them caule:
 With him then to, do Sacrifyce
 To Barnabas and Paule.
But whā Thapostles, herd their knac-
 They myght it not abyde: (kes
 But rent their clothes, the on their backs
 And ran with them to chyde.
They cryed and sayde, vnto them then
 Why haue ye done thus now:
 For we are both, but mortall men
 In all poyntes lyke to you.

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The.xiiij. Chapter

And we do preache, you verities,
 That lyes myght be abhorde
 To turne you from, these vanyties,
 Unto the lypynge Lorde.
Who made the heauens, & eke ylandes
 That they shuld styll be his:
 He made the sea, even with his handes
 And all that in them is.
Whiche in tymes past, even in those
 Dyd suffer and permit: (dayes
 Eche man to walke, in his owne wayes
 Geuen by to his owne wylt.
Nevertheles, his heauenlye wyttes
 Lest witness to declare:
 In that he shewed his benefyttes
 From heauen rayne to prepare.
And frutfull seasons, gaue at wyl
 To vs both moze and les:
 And in the ende, our heartes dyd fyll
 Wpith foode and great gladnes.
And all these wordes, wold scarce entyse
 The people to forbear:
 But that they wolde, do Sacrifyce
 Unto them both even there.
And certenly, Ihesus dyd there appoche
 The whiche dyd even then cum:
 Immediatlye, from Antioche
 And from Iconium.
And got the people, to consent
 W ith stones Pauls bloude to shed

And

The.xiiij. Chapter.

And through the cypre, they hym rent
 Thyngynge he had bene deed.
And yet as the, disciples stode
 About him to lament:
 He dyd arise, and for hys sode
 Into the cite went.
And he abode, there all that nyght
 Even vnto the next daye:
 Then Barnabas, and he a ryght
 To Darby toke the waye.
And in that Citie, they dyd preache
 Whyle they dyd there sojorne:
 To all men Iesus, Christ did teache
 And then they dyd retorne.
To Lystra and, Iconium
 To Antioche and there:
 Strengthened the soules, of all and sum
 That there disciples were.
Exhortynge them, not to relent
 But in the sayth remayne:
 Affirmyng that, through much tozment
 We must to heauen attayne.
And they then by, election
 Ordained elders ther:
 In euerye, congregacion
 By fastynge and prayer.
That God to the, his grace might seide
 To worke his wyl moſte Just
 And thus to God, dyd them commend
 In whome they put their trust

And

The.xiiij.Chapter.

And they went throug, Iſſodia
And taught the people ſyll:

And came vnto, Samphſia
Their callynge to fulfyll.

And when they had, declared playne
Gods worde then in Perca:

They dyd deſcende, forth with agayne
Into Attalia.

From thence by ſhyp, they all ſayled
To Antioche a pace:

From whence they were, deliuered
To God and to hys grace.

Who had them longe, preſerued ſyll
From cruel men and mad:

Euen by his grace, to worke his wyl
Whiche they fulfilled had.

When they were come, and to one ſtead
The congregation brought:

There was recheaſt by eche mans head
That God by them had wrought.

Howe he the dooze, of ſayth vntyd
The Gentyls into call:

And there longe tyme, they dyd abyde
With the diſciples all,

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